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Tavius Smith gets jail

The ex-Monessen football star pleaded guilty to drug and weapons charges.

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PITTSBURGH – In June 2007, Tavius Smith was wowing scouts from NFL teams during an invitational workout for pro prospects at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

He had hopes of one day playing in the NFL.

Yesterday, the Monessen man was sentenced to 22 years in prison on federal drug and weapons charges.

Smith, 29, was apologetic when he appeared before Senior U.S. District Judge Gustave Diamond Wednesday. But the judge was not impressed as he imposed the sentence.

Smith was arrested Feb. 20, 2008, as part of a wide-ranging drug sweep in Monessen, Charleroi, Donora and Monongahela by federal, state and local law enforcement officials.

He was one of three people arrested in the sting operation.

At the time of his arrest, according to documents filed by task force members of the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, agents seized $265,000 in cash, suspected cocaine, drug paraphernalia and two handguns and a shotgun from two Monessen residences where authorities alleged Smith directed a drug operation.

One address – 679 Reed Ave. in Monessen – was described as Smith's primary residence. Another residence – 957 Grant St. – is the home of Smith's

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Monessen financial outlook brighter

Mayor Anthony Petaccia expects council to reduce the property tax rate.

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MONESSEN – City property owners could get breaks on their 2010 taxes.

A year after receiving court approval to raise taxes by 5 mills, the city is in better financial condition, Mayor Anthony Petaccia said at a Wednesday council meeting.

Petaccia

Petaccia said the 2008 audit of city finances revealed a $100,000 surplus in the general fund.

He said the city should realize substantial savings in health care for city employees because both uniform and nonuniform union workers agreed to new insurance plans.

Further, the city will receive a $54,180 signing bonus by entering into an agreement with Dale Property Services Penn LLC, which leases land for Chesapeake Energy. Dale Property Services has been working with city officials to obtain leases in Monessen to extract natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation.

"We're definitely hoping to bring the tax millage down this year," Petaccia said.

The millage rate is 36.05, with one mill generating about $59,600. The mayor said council hopes to reduce the tax rate to around 33 mills.

The mayor said the city will also see new tax revenue in the future as Alumnisource bought the former rail mill property. Petaccia said the company will hire 12 people. The goal is to hire up to 115 in the next three years.

Petaccia said companies in the Monessen Riverfront Industrial Park will begin paying taxes in 2011, as the Keystone Opportunity Zone incentive program will expire that year.

RESIDENTIAL TAX BILLS

This year, a property owner with a house with a median assessed value of $10,000 had a bill of about $385.50. A homeowner with a house valued at $15,000 had a tax bill of about $460. A taxpayer with a home with a median assessed value of $20,000 paid about $485.

Before this year's budget, council last raised taxes in 2006 – a year in which it had to obtain court approval to increase the tax rate from 28.55 mills to 33 mills. The tax rate dropped to 25 mills in 2007.

Last year, city council received permission from Westmoreland County Judge William J. Ober to exceed the state's 25-mill tax rate limit for third class cities.

Council also received court

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Monessen will host the Valley Veterans Day parade next month. Looking over names on the Veterans Memorial at City Park are American Legion Post 28 Chaplain Bob Gilotty, left, and Commander John Billy.

Monessen will host Veterans Day parade

The city was out of the mix for years, but John Billy vowed to restore tradition.

By COLLEEN POLLOCK
For The Valley Independent

MONESSEN – The city will return to tradition by honoring military veterans in grand style Saturday, Nov. 7.

After an absence of nearly two decades, Monessen will conduct a Veterans Day program and parade.

The Monessen Veterans Council is planning a noon luncheon at the Elks lodge followed by a 2 p.m. parade that will form at Parente Boulevard, proceed along Donner Avenue to Eighth Street and return along Schnoonmaker Avenue.

"When I took this job two or three years ago, I said I'd do it on one condition; that we renew our Veterans Day parade," said John Billy, American Legion Post 28 commander and program committee chairman.

"I decided it's time for Monessen to take a stance and join the other Mon Valley communities in honoring these deserving veterans."

The Monessen Veterans Council comprises American Legion Posts 28 and 704, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1190, Joe Walker Chapter Mon Valley Air Force Association, and the Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates.

"Monessen was on a parade rotation with Charleroi, Monongahela, Donora and Washington Township for many years," Billy said. "We will proudly return this year in hosting the annual event."

Retired Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., a Monessen native, will be the keynote speaker.

Yakovac retired as military deputy to the assistant secretary for acquisition, logistics and technology in 2007. The following year, he joined The Cohen Group as senior counselor to the strategic advisory firm.

Former Westmoreland County President Judge Gilfert M. Mihalich will welcome guests at the luncheon. The Rev. Fred Pfeil, of St. Michael Syrian Orthodox Church in Monessen, will provide an invocation and benediction. Invitations letters have been mailed to veterans groups throughout the Mon Valley as well as state, county and local

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> JOHN BILLY, POST 28 COMMANDER

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Ringgold begins elementary project

Schematic drawings will be sent to the state Department of Education.

BY JEFF OLIVER
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NEW EAGLE – The initial stages of transforming a closed middle school into Ringgold Elementary Center South were put in motion by the Ringgold School Board.

At a meeting Wednesday, the school board approved Plancon Part A for renovating the former Carroll Middle School.

The facility, which was closed following the 2008-09 school year, will house students in kindergarten through grade four now attending Donora and Monongahela elementary centers.

The board adopted a resolution authorizing its architect, HHSDR Architects & Engineers, of Pittsburgh, to submit Plancon Part A – project justification and schematic drawings for the facility – to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The board also approved geotechnical services for the site.

Superintendent Gary Hamilton outlined the timeline for the approximately $13 million project, which is expected to be completed by Aug. 26, 2011.

Under the timeline, the district plans to conduct an Act 34 public hearing on the project on Dec. 14 and review final designs March 17, 2010.

Construction is expected to begin May 31, 2010.

At Wednesday's meeting, the board also approved payment of $57,600 to HHSDR for services related to the project.

In an unrelated matter, the board agreed to obtain appraisals for three properties near the high school campus in an effort to determine the feasibility of building the proposed Ringgold Middle School there.

Hamilton said that following the appraisals, the district will ask the property owners if they are willing to sell the parcels and for how much.

Hamilton said the district has not chosen a middle school site.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Outlook (FROM PAGE ONE)

permission last year to obtain a $250,000 loan to pay bills though year's end. The loan is being repaid over five years through $56,000 annual payments. Council mulled layoffs, but ultimately decided against them.

Petaccia said he is expecting savings of at least $200,000 because of the new health insurance plan.

While city taxes might go down, garbage bills are going up. Council last month entered into a six-year contract with Waste Management to handle residential and commercial refuse and recyclables. Petaccia said fees are expected to jump from $105 a year to $155.

"Hopefully, some people will see a savings with their taxes and, hopefully, others will break even with the garbage rates going up," Petaccia said.

Council is expected to vote on the tentative budget next month.

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Yesteryear

The first grade class at Washington Elementary School in Monessen in 1954 posed for a group photo. They are, front row from left, Olive Hennessey, Alora Paige, Celeste Wilcox, Mary Margaret Corley, Patty Jo Behanna, Martha Jane Olschleger, Joan Kubic, Chery Alberts; second row, teacher Mrs. Schumm, Carolyn Alessio, Denise Tweardy, Joann Milinovich, Edward Chelen, George Maund, Joseph Alleo, Richard Icavangelo, Melvin Claytor; back row, Paul Smith, Mildred Zoretich, Fred Opalinski, Richard Lloyd, John Gelli, Donald Klipella, Rosalind Sagon, Candice Elyanich, Patricia Mehrman. The picture was submitted by Olive Hennessey McMinn and Alora Claytor.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

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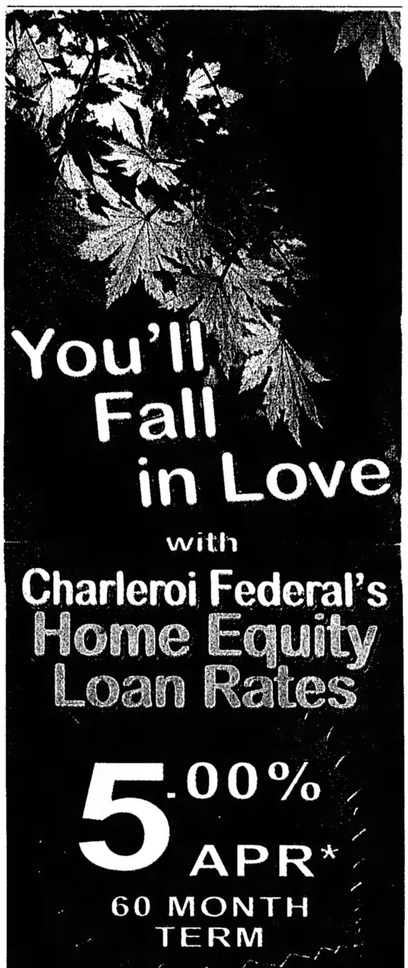

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Veterans (FROM PAGE ONE)

dignitaries.

"For 17 years, we didn't have the leadership to really talk up a big event like this," said Bob Gilotty, Post 28 chaplain and committee members. "If we use the numbers from other communities that have hosted veterans programs, we can expect about 200 at the luncheon."

Gilotty said the city has produced five military generals, including Yakovac. Others are Maj. Gen. Nicholas Kafkalas (National Guard), Maj. Gen. Harry J. Mier Jr. (National Guard) and Maj. Gen. John W. Burkhart (Air Force), all deceased; and Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright (National Guard).

"There aren't too many communities that can match five major generals from their hometown," said Gilotty.

The Pennsylvania Mounted State Police Drill Team will lead the parade.

The event will include a helicopter flyover and various veterans units and local school, scout and civic groups will take part in the procession. Monetary prizes will be awarded in several categories.

"This is a well-organized group of people who know what they're doing," Billy said of his committee.

The chairman said the group is raising money by selling advertisements for a program booklet and by door-to-door canvassing by two-man teams.

"One of the common remarks we're hearing from the local merchants is, 'It's about time,'" Billy said.

The Eastgate Exxon service station in Monessen is offering patriotic mini-bags free with a $1 purchase. Billy said the owners are matching each sale with a $1 donation to the council.

Shipmates' Commander Joe Acton said his organization has supplied the committee with fundraising ideas and other helpful information from the 2008 parade in Monongahela.

"We are supporting them in any way we can," Acton said.

"We supplied them with information we had from last year, from getting donations to providing lists of addresses of veterans units, fire companies, high school bands and such."

Jim Cain, commander of the local Air Force Association, said the event is a good opportunity to promote awareness of the large number of veterans from the area.

"I'm hoping for a good turnout," Cain said. "Practically every household in Monessen has someone in the family who was or is involved in the military."

Post 28 historian Frank Gaudio said a grand parade is also good for the morale of the city.

"This can help bring back the community to where it was at one time," Gaudio said. "Together, we can give tribute to those who served."

Billy said the Veterans Day program is all about giving due respect and admiration to veterans who have fought to uphold and protect principles held dear by Americans.

"Complimenting veterans is what we are all about," Billy said. "If we don't take the time to honor our fellow comrades, who will?"

Retired Lt. Gen. Yakovac to speak

Retired Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr. will be the keynote speaker at this year's Veterans Day Program Nov. 7 at the Monessen Elks lodge.

Prior to retirement in 2007, he was the military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for acquisitions, logistics and technology.

Yakovac served in a variety of command and staff positions at company grade through general officer ranks.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he received a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Colorado and subsequently served as an assistant professor at the academy.

Among his former assignments, he served as the program executive officer of the ground combat and support systems and as deputy for systems acquisitions, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command.

His last position at the Pentagon was as assistant deputy for systems management and horizontal technology integration.

In 2008, he joined The Cohen Group as senior counselor.

Yakovac wears the Expert Infantry Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge as well as the Distinguished Service Medal, three Legions of Merit and seven awards of the Army Meritorious Service Medal.

He is the son of the late Joseph and Mary Yakovac, formerly of Monessen. He is married to the former Valerie Matsick, of Donora. The couple has one son, Michael.

Smith (FROM PAGE ONE)

mother, Alvina M. King. She was not charged.

The U.S. attorney's office contended that Smith was involved in a conspiracy to sell at least five kilograms of cocaine from 2005 through 2008.

In June, Smith pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine, money laundering and possessing a weapon while being a felon.

Smith initially pleaded not guilty. He had been negotiating with federal prosecutors, who filed a document under seal.

His decision to plead guilty occurred after his attorney delayed filing pretrial motions 13 times during plea negotiations, according to court records.

Smith told the judge he never intended to get involved with guns or drugs.

He said his decision reflected poor judgment.

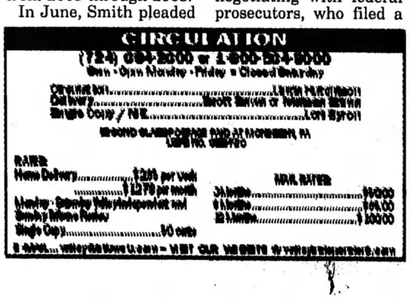
Smith was an all-state football player at Monessen. He played semi-pro football for the Pittsburgh Colts for three seasons and rushed for more than 1,400 yards in 2005.

During his Indianapolis workout, Smith was impressive, recalled his Colts coach, Ed Brosky.

"He had a 40-yard time of 4.37 and caught every pass thrown to him," Brosky said. "He was in the top tier of players in all the agility drills."

Smith scored 8.9 points on all the tests with the pro-ranked standard being 8.5.

He had a tryout with the Buffalo Bills.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Valley briefs

Contractor agrees to casino ban

A plumbing and heating contractor has agreed not to work for any casinos in Pennsylvania for at least five years, according to a consent agreement approved Wednesday by state gambling regulators.

W.G. Tomko, of Finleyville, whose owner, William Tomko, pleaded guilty to federal tax evasion charges in 2004, helped build The Meadows Racetrack & Casino and Rivers Casino.

The board banned Tomko from working on casinos in December, after the *Tribune-Review*, a sister publication of *The Valley Independent*, reported his felony conviction.

A Commonwealth Court Judge allowed Tomko to resume work in January, after it was disclosed the state Gaming Control Board knew of his conviction more than a year before it suspended him.

Home building lags in region

New home construction in the Pittsburgh region fell 28.8 percent during the first nine months of the year compared to the same period in 2008, according to a report issued Wednesday.

Single-family production was down 32.3 percent while multi-family declined 23.6 percent, according to Tall Timber Group, a construction market and research company in Ross.

Total housing permits issued this year is 1,897 compared to 2,665 for the same period last year.

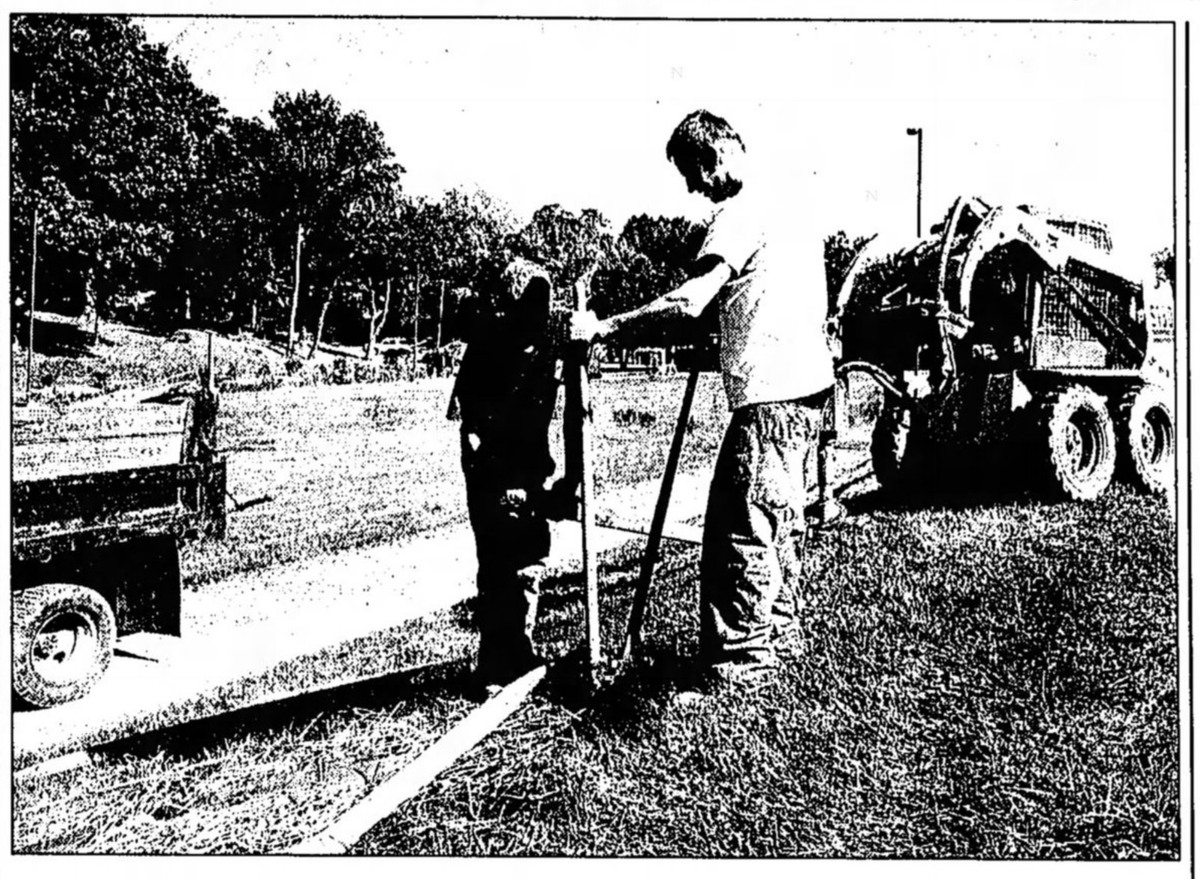
McCandless had the highest number of new homes with 218 — all but three multi-family — with the city of Pittsburgh next with 114 — 37 of them single-family. North Huntingdon led in single-family production with 55.

"There is still a long way to go before we see a return to the normal pace of home construction, said Jeff Burd, Tall Timber president.

"There is a lack of confidence on the part of the consumer in the Pittsburgh market, and, while I have talked with potential buyers, they have not ordered a new home," said David Bachman, of Bachman Builders in Coraopolis, who serves as president of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh.

Many small builders, such as himself, have turned to the remodeling market to endure the housing slump, he said

The government's $8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers, which expires Nov. 30, could help the market if it is extended, local builders said.



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Sam Brothers, left; Luke Bash, center, and Butch Marietta, operating the rig at right, install a split-rail fence along Grand Boulevard at Monessen City Park on Wednesday. The work, being handled by Laurel Highland Fence Co., of New Stanton, is part of a park restoration campaign that began several years ago.

Juror coercion argument rejected in Szakal case

Defense attorney Noah Geary plans to appeal after his client is sentenced.

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A motion seeking a new trial for a Webster man convicted of murdering a Carroll Township couple was denied Wednesday by a Washington County judge.

Defense Attorney Noah Geary had sought a new trial for Gerald Szakal, 26, of Fifth Street, who was convicted Oct. 1 of robbing and fatally shooting retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer, and his wife, retired teacher Nancy Springer, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road in Carroll Township.

Geary's motion was based on a claim by juror Everett Miller in an affidavit filed a earlier this month that he was "coerced" by his fellow jurors into convicting Szakal.

Miller contended that at least two other jurors opposed the guilty verdict.

That jury convicted Szakal of the two counts each of homicide, robbery, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit robbery.

The prosecution contended that Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township house and sold them to the Springers, who operated a precious metals business out of their home.

The prosecution contended Szakal murdered them because their business logs could have proved he committed the thefts.

In her order handed down late Wednesday, Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca said, "This court notes that our appellate courts take a dim view of counsel interviewing jurors after a verdict without authorization from the trial judge."

O'Dell Seneca said interviewing jurors after a verdict and obtaining unsworn statements is "highly unethical and improper" and has been condemned by the appellate courts.

"We're certainly pleased with the judge's decision," said Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani, a former neighbor of the murder victims.

"We viewed the motion seriously when Mr. Geary filed it."

Toprani said he applauded the jury for its job.

Asked about Miller's admission he telephoned his daughter to research the charges while the jury was deliberating, Toprani said it was "troublesome."

"Pennsylvania policy is that the jury function should not be disrupted, especially the function of deliberation and the judge's decision upholds that," the district attorney said.

Sentencing in the case is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Geary said after that sentencing, he will file an appeal with the state Superior Court.

He has 30 days after sentencing to file such an appeal, but expects to do so "very quickly after next Wednesday."

"I think that the Superior Court will rule on these issues differently," Geary said.

"The issues that were presented in that motion for a new trial were just a few of the several of the issues."

Geary said his motion before O'Dell Seneca dealt mainly with the juror's claims.

but Geary said he has "a laundry list of great issues" to bring before the Superior Court.

He said the appeal will claim:

- A prospective juror told others in the courtroom during the jury-selection process that he felt Szakal was guilty.
- Witness Dennis Hawkins stood on the courtroom steps at lunchtime one day during the trial and told jurors Szakal was guilty.
- Closing remarks by Assistant District Attorney Craig McKay could be misconstrued to suggest some of the burden of proof was on the defense.

He will also note in the appeal that O'Dell Seneca denied his request to call a false confession expert.

"Any one of those issues is very strong and, together, all of them establish that the trial was polluted with prejudicial events that are going to justify a reversal," Geary said.

Monessen has long newspaper history

Ron **PAGLIA**

There was a time when most communities in the Mid-Mon Valley had their own hometown newspaper.

As the late R. Mitchell Steen Jr., longtime managing editor of *The Valley Independent* and noted historian, wrote in his popular Backward Glance column on Nov. 4, 1978, "In the old days of the Mon Valley, newspapers were born overnight and often disappeared just as quickly."

Mr. Steen recalled that community newspapers, under various names, once existed in Belle Vernon, Bentleyville, Brownsville, California, Charleroi, Donora, Monessen, Monongahela, Roscoe and West Newton.

A full merger of *The Charleroi Mail* and *The Monessen Daily Independent* in 1960 created *The Valley Independent*, which traces its genesis to 1902.

Like many other communities in the region, Monessen has had a number of newspapers.

The first, *The Monessen News*, was founded and published by Charles F. Federman on June 30, 1899. The publication made its initial appearance on a 14-by-20 sheet printed on one side only. The news of that day, according to a story in the May 1947 issue of Pittsburgh Steel Company's *Keystone* magazine, consisted of personals, [illegible] religious service announcements, notice of unclaimed letters in the local post office, editorial greetings, and a four-line apology that "owing to the rush to get the first edition of *The News* out, the out-of-town correspondence does not appear in the issue."

In addition to all of that, the first edition of the weekly featured 76 inches of advertisements.

Carey L. Shuck purchased the newspaper from Mr. Federman in 1902 and continued its publication until the mid-1930s, when it began to appear semi-weekly and reached a circulation of 3,200 in serving readers in Monessen, Belle Vernon, Webster, West Newton, Smithton and Perryoplis.

Another weekly appeared on the scene in Monessen in 1908. Founded by G.H. Thomas, it was *The Friday Evening Call*.

Both papers continued to serve the public until 1926, when *The Monessen News* and *The Friday Evening Call* merged to form *The News-Call*.

A *Keystone* magazine article in 1947 said *The News-Call* "... has long been an influential voice in public affairs and Mrs. Schuck's untiring efforts as its editor are synonymous with the progress and development of present-day Monessen."

Mr. Schuck died on March 24, 1946. The newspaper was purchased from his widow, Hallie H. Schuck, by Louis W. Apone and George C. Martinet.

On Jan. 22, 1948, *The Monessen Daily Independent* reported in a Page One story that a new morning daily newspaper, *The Monessen Daily News*, would begin publication "about March 15," contingent on the installation of new equipment that had been ordered.

Confirmation of reports that the new morning newspaper would be forthcoming was made by David H. Weiss, a prominent Monessen attorney and state assemblyman who later became a Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas judge. Weiss was president of the Monessen Publishing Company, which previously published the weekly *News-Call*. The company discontinued publication of *The News-Call* in the summer of 1947.

Weiss said the new paper would be printed in the publishing firm's plant at the corner of Donner Avenue and Eighth Street.

While Martinet was no longer associated with the publishing company at the time *The Monessen Daily News* made its debut, Apone was listed as treasurer of the firm. In addition to Weiss and Apone, other officers were Joseph McCahll, vice president, and John Molnar, secretary.

The Daily Independent reported that others "who have been active" in the reorganization of the company were Mayor Hugo J. Parente, the Rev. Owen J. Kirby, pastor of St. Leonard's Roman Catholic Church, and William Vagli, an associate of Parente.

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DEATH NOTICES

KRISTOBEK — Elizabeth J. Kristobek, 87, of New Eagle, on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

SOTHERGILL — Anna M. (Zelinsky) Sothergill, 39, of Green Tree, formerly of Finleyville, on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:

BONSCH, Agnesann*

MATIANSKI, Maude M.*

WILSON, Patricia C.*

* See death notice

Anna M. (Zelinsky) Sothergill

Green Tree
Formerly of Finleyville

Anna M. (Zelinsky) Sothergill, 39, of Green Tree, formerly of Finleyville, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, in her home. Born May 30, 1970, in Finleyville, she is the daughter of James R. Zelinsky of Finleyville and the late Kathleen (Simmons) Zelinsky, who died Oct. 30, 2007. A 1988 graduate of Ringgold High School, Anna went on to graduate from the Bradford Business School in Pittsburgh. She was currently working as a administrative assistant for Federal Reserve Bank in Pittsburgh. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Finleyville. Surviving, in addition to her father, are her husband, John J. Sothergill II; a son and daughter, John "Jack" III and Lila Sothergill, both at home; her maternal grandmother Virginia (Pincok) Simmons of Finleyville; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, John J. and Ella L. (McMahon) Sothergill of Banksville. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767) marshall-marrafuneralhome.com, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at noon with Father Robert J. Boyle officiating. Interment will follow in Mingo Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Breast Cancer Care Fund, Magee Women's Health Foundation, 300 Halket St., Pittsburgh, Pa.,15213.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Patricia C. Wilson

Formerly of Charleroi

Patricia C. Wilson, 67, formerly of Charleroi, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, in Mon Valley Care Center, Carroll Township. She was born in North Charleroi on Jan. 27, 1942, the daughter of the late Jesse and Kathryn (Skruber) Wilson. Ms. Wilson grew up in Monessen, and spent most of her life in the Mon Valley area. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Rose Wilson, of Avon, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Judith Macosko and Mary Ann "Sis" and Charles Tomayko Jr., all of Monessen; a brother and sister-in-law, Alvin "Rick" and Joanie Wilson, of Monessen; her stepmother, Phyllis Wilson; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, George "Sonny" Macosko. Private funeral services were held Wednesday in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen, with the Rev. Mark Woomer officiating. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com.

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Agnesann (Mollenauer) Bonsch

Charleroi

The family and friends of Agnesann Mollenauer Bonsch are mourning her sudden passing in the UPMC Shadyside Hospital of Pittsburgh in the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 19. Agnesann was born at home in Charleroi to parents William G. and Grace Pease Mollenauer on March 3, 1928. She spent her entire life in Charleroi, graduated with the Charleroi High School Class of 1946, and then attended California State Teachers College. Agnesann was a knowledgeable and wonderful cook. She was hired to run the Charleroi High School cafeteria when it was established in 1960. She retired to a career as a homemaker, during which time she developed her most notable talent as a quilter. Her gift for designing and creating beautiful quilts was envied and many novice quilters sought her guidance and instruction in developing their hobby. Agnesann is survived by her loving, caring, and heartbroken daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and David Dugdale, of Eustis, Fla., with whom she made her home in the winter, and Jean and John Pfile, of Speers. Agnesann took her undying love and pride with her for her two surviving grandchildren, Ashley Jean and John-David Pfile. Agnesann's passing will also leave an unexplainable void in the lives of her loving niece, Linda Kyle, of Columbus, Ohio; nephews, Robert D. and David (Jeannie) Mollenauer, of the state of California; her four great-nieces and one great-nephew; and her most faithful and caring neighbors and her favorite companion, Barcman. Agnesann's family will receive family and friends in the sanctuary of the First Christian Church of Charleroi, Walnut Ridge Road (724-489-9014) from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22. Guests are invited to remain for a Celebration of Life Service at 6 p.m. followed by dinner in the fellowship hall. Agnesann's family would be honored for memorial donations to be made to the First Christian Church of Charleroi or the Mon Valley YMCA. The SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES INC. is in charge of arrangements. Condolences accepted at www.schrock-hogan.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Elizabeth J. Kristobek

New Eagle

Elizabeth J. Kristobek, 87, of New Eagle, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving children on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born Nov. 14, 1921, in Leisenring, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Vincent and Mary Trocheck. A homemaker, Libby was an active member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in Monongahela, where she enjoyed making donuts, pies, raviolis and working at the festival and flea market. She also volunteered at Madonna Catholic schools in Donora and Monongahela as a cafeteria worker. She was active in the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Monessen and the Mon Valley Council. Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Patricia Kristobek of Kensington, Md., Gerald Kristobek and Timothy and Diana Kristobek all of Finleyville; four daughters and three sons-in-laws, Patricia and Walter Weaver of Monongahela; Judith Hutchko (Paul Wayman) of Chalk Hill; Terri and B.J. Brooks of Finleyville; and Karen and Richard Anderson of Wheeling, W.Va.; a sister Bernadine Vilsak of Ocean City, Md.; nine grandchildren, David and John (Jamie) Weaver, Alexander, Andrew, Natalie, and Carly Kristobek, Jessica and Luke Brooks and Ian Anderson; and four great- grandchildren, Ethan, Aiden, Blake and Julia Weaver. Preceding her in death was her husband of 45 years, Frank "Ted" Kristobek who died May 27, 1991; two brothers, Michael and Joseph Trochek; and four sisters Ann Turchin, Margaret Bill, Miriam Trochek and Josephine Kostelnik. Friends will be received at the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767) marshall-marrafuneralhome.com, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 Friday p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Transfiguration Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at 10 a.m., with Father George Chortos, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Contributions can be made to Transfiguration Church, Fr. Leger Fund, 722 West Main St., Monongahela, Pa.,15063.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Maude M. (Richards) Matianski

Maude M. Matianski, 90, of Fallowfield Township, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, at Havencrest Nursing Home, Carroll Township. She was born July 14, 1919, in Duquesne, daughter of the late Abraham and Jesse Smith Richards. Mrs. Matianski was a member of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Monessen, Charleroi Senior Center card club, and had been employed by Charlance in Speers as a clothing inspector, prior to her retirement. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-laws, Daniel S. and Mary Matianski of Sturgis, Mich., Ronald and Roseann Matianski, of Fallowfield Township, and a daughter, Donna Matianski, of Belle Vernon; grandchildren, Jackie DeWitt and husband, Ronald, Carolyn Williams and husband Shawn, Daniel T. Matianski and wife, Wendy, Theresa Thrasher, Karen Kyle and husband, Michael, Fred Shafer and wife, Kelly, Jason Shafer and wife, Kari, and Heather Andrews and husband, Troy; 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Matianski, four brothers, Leslie, Glen, Kenneth, and Melvin Richards; and three sisters; Violet Campanio, Mae Matty, and Ada Phillips. Visitation will be held in the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC. 1209 Grand Blvd. Monessen, on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Services will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Monessen, on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, at 10 a.m. with Rev. Christina A. Ingold officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

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Ringgold scores high in Coaches vs. Cancer

It was the third straight year the high school raised more than $1,000.

By JEFF OLIVER
Staff Writer
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NEW EAGLE – Ringgold High School finished seventh in the state in fundraising among schools who participated in the 6th annual Coaches vs. Cancer School Initiative.

Under the direction of Athletic Director Lloyd Price, the school raised $3,306.73.

"That's the second straight year our students, with the direction of Lloyd Price, raised over $1,000," said Superintendent Gary Hamilton.

The fundraiser, which helps the American Cancer Society help patients, raised more than $229,000 across the state.

Each school that raised more than $1,000 received a commemorative banner to hang in their school gymnasium.

The results were announced by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association and Hamilton released the information at Wednesday's meeting of the Ringgold School Board.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

■ Accepted the resignation of girls' softball coach Jeff Matty. In the process, the board also heard from several members of the team who spoke on behalf of the potential hiring of Kara Kubancsek as a replacement.

Kubancsek joined Matty's staff in 2009 and coached the junior varsity team and also guided the varsity team during the fall season.

The board has not yet hired a replacement.

■ Hired Rebecca Penn and Daniel Degnan as English teachers at the high school.

■ Rejected all responses for a request for a waste removal firm for the district because it became known that additional vendors who could provide the services were not involved in the original request for proposals.

The district will now issue a new request for proposal for waste removal to all known vendors for the service.

Two Giant Eagle stores awarded beer licenses

South Strabane and Robinson supermarkets will be able to sell beer.

By KIM LEONARD
For The Valley Independent
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PITTSBURGH – Giant Eagle has secured the Pittsburgh area's first two licenses to sell beer inside supermarkets — one for its Market District store to open Nov. 5 at the new Settlers Ridge complex in Robinson, and the other for a store in South Strabane.

The three members of the state Liquor Control Board voted unanimously Wednesday to approve the restaurant liquor license transfers for the O'Hara-based grocer. Giant Eagle also is seeking licenses to sell beer from cafe-style areas inside 11 other stores across Western Pennsylvania.

"We are very eager to start beer sales," Giant Eagle spokesman Rob Borella said yesterday, adding the chain's customers in neighboring states that allow sales in supermarkets like the convenience.

Giant Eagle intends to start selling beer on opening day at the Settlers Ridge store. The South Strabane location will begin its sales later in November, after a separate area for them is created there.

Beer distributors view yesterday's license approvals as a threat to their business. Giant Eagle will be able to sell its customers the equivalent of two six-packs, while distributorships can only sell beer by the case.

The Philadelphia-based Malt Beverage Distributors Association, which represents 1,300 distributors statewide, has fought licenses awarded in recent years to Wegmans, Weis and other grocers that operate outside Southwestern Pennsylvania.

"We expected that the licenses would be approved, just like the Wegmans and other licenses were," said Mary Lou Hogan, the association's executive director.

Beer distributors contend that Pennsylvania's liquor laws don't allow sales of beer in supermarkets, even if it's kept in areas separated from the groceries. The test could come next spring, when the state Supreme Court is expected to consider the group's challenge to Wegmans' licenses.

Statewide, 13 Wegmans, five Weis stores, a Whole Foods Market in Montgomery County and a Thomas' Market in Wilkes-Barre are selling beer so far.

Giant Eagle will be able to begin beer sales at its two stores as soon as LCB licensing officials do final inspections, said Francesca Chapman, a spokeswoman for the agency.

The new Robinson store will be the first in the chain built using the chain's expanded Market District concept.

The two-level restaurant at the front of the store will be accessible from a patio, and from inside, the company said.

POLICE LOG

State police, Uniontown

■ Derek James Vivio, 27, of 32 Marion Villa, Belle Vernon, was charged with criminal attempt to commit retail theft as a result of an incident that took place Oct. 13 at Walmart in Dunbar Township, police said.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Someone damaged two doors at Boot N Scoot Saloon, 1145 Greensburg Pike in West Newton 2 a.m. Friday, police reported.

■ A 2005 Mazda 3 was scratched while parked in the parking lot of Yough High School, sometime from 9 a.m. to 1:23 p.m. Oct. 14, police reported.

Monongahela

■ Shane Duda, 19, of 212 Gee St., Monongahela, was charged with harassment and disorderly conduct 7 p.m. Wednesday at Seventh and Chess streets, Monongahela, police reported.

NEWS OF THE REGION

Airport looking for noisemaker

PITTSBURGH – Pittsburgh International Airport is negotiating with a British company to buy a high-tech noisemaker aimed at making flocks of birds scatter, part of a program to reduce the threat animals pose to aircraft, airport officials said.

The device by Scarecrow Bio-Acoustic Systems, based in Uckfield, England, produces more than a dozen bird distress calls from vehicle-mounted speakers that a driver can control from a dashboard touch-screen.

It typically sells for $30,000, but airport officials said they are trying to broker a better deal.

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NEWS

TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 22, the 295th day of 2009. There are 70 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Oct. 22, 1962, President John F. Kennedy announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment shipped to Cuba, following the discovery of Soviet-built missile bases on the island.

On this date:

■ In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College of New Jersey.

■ In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

■ In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

■ In 1883, the original Metropolitan Opera House in New York held its grand opening with a performance of Gounod's "Faust."

■ In 1928, Republican presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

■ In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents at a farm in East Liverpool, Ohio.

■ In 1968, Apollo 7 returned safely from Earth orbit, splashing down in the Atlantic Ocean.

■ In 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis.

■ In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

■ In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.

■ **Ten years ago**: Five of the seven Republican presidential hopefuls met in New Hampshire for their first debate of the 2000 nomination race, with front-runner George W. Bush notably absent.

■ **Five years ago**: In a wrenching videotaped statement, kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan begged Britain to help save her by withdrawing its troops from Iraq, saying these "might be my last hours." (Hassan was apparently killed by her captors a month later.)

■ **One year ago**: Wall Street tumbled again as investors worried that the global economy was poised to weaken. The major indexes fell more than 4 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which finished with a loss of 514 points.

Associated Press

In this Aug. 15, 2007, file photo, Kenneth R. Feinberg, now the special master at the Treasury Department appointed by President Obama to handle compensation issues, speaks at his office in Washington. The Obama administration plans to order companies that received huge government bailouts last year to sharply cut the compensation of their highest paid executives.

Bailed-out firms must slash executive pay

The cuts apply to the 25 highest paid execs at companies that got the most assistance.

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department is expected in the next few days to order companies that received huge government bailouts last year to slash the base salaries of their top executives by an average of 90 percent and cut their total compensation in half, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The cuts apply to the 25 highest paid executives at the seven companies that received the most assistance, the person said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the decision has not been announced. Smaller companies and those that have repaid the bailout money, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., are not affected.

Kenneth Feinberg, the special master at Treasury appointed to handle compensation issues as part of the government's $700 billion financial bailout package, is making the pay decisions.

The seven companies are Bank of America Corp., American International Group Inc., Citigroup Inc., General Motors, GMAC, Chrysler and Chrysler Financial.

It was unclear exactly how much the executives would be allowed to make, or how that would be determined. Each case is being handled individually, and no details were available on how the calculations were being made.

Tom Wilkinson, a GM spokesman, said Wednesday that the auto company was "currently in discussions with Mr. Feinberg's office regarding executive compensation. We will have further information once those discussions have concluded."

Gina Proia, a spokeswoman for GMAC, said the finance company has "been working on a proposal that aims at embodying the principles set forth for compensation along with balancing the need to retain critical talent necessary to execute our turnaround. Until we receive notification about that plan, we have no further comment."

Chrysler Group issued a similar statement.

Representatives for Chrysler Financial, Bank of America, Citigroup and AIG declined to comment.

But company officials and lobbyists earlier this month said Bank of America, Citigroup, GMAC Financial Services and others were reworking their pay plans to ensure compensation reflects executive performance. They're giving executives more of their compensation in stock and stock options, and spreading pay over a longer period. They are also adopting plans to recapture some pay when bets go bad.

The changes are not limited to those on Feinberg's list. JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. also are compensating senior employees with more stock and less cash.

Kerry becomes all-around adviser

He and Obama were both mentored by Ted Kennedy.

WASHINGTON (AP) — He's not president, a Cabinet member or ambassador, but Sen. John Kerry has ascended to the unofficial role of President Barack Obama's global adviser on key issues that could reshape the nation's image around the world.

Mediating Afghanistan's presidential election vaulted Kerry from the already prominent chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee into the most exclusive circle around a new president who is juggling but has not resolved a variety of domestic and foreign policy matters. Beyond policy, Kerry knows how Washington works.

Kerry and Obama also share a political pedigree. Both were mentored by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who died in August.

"Obviously, Sen. Kerry is somebody who has a broad range of experience and an in-depth knowledge of issues, ranging form energy and climate change to health care to foreign policy," said White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs. "I think it's that experience and insight that (Obama) certainly greatly values."

"I'm here because of you," Obama wrote Kerry on the January day he was sworn in as the nation's first black president. The note is framed and hangs on Kerry's Senate office wall.

And now, Obama is leaning on Kerry to help shape his foreign policy.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Deadly day in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Islamic insurgents fired mortars at Somalia's airport as the president was boarding a plane today, sparking battles that killed at least 20 people. The president was unhurt and his plane took off safely, police said.

Somalia's capital sees near-daily bloodshed as a powerful insurgent group with links to al-Qaida tries to overthrow the fragile U.N.-backed government and push out some 5,000 African Union peacekeepers. Both sides of the conflict have been accused of indiscriminate shelling.

"We have seen at least 20 dead bodies lying in the streets, most of them civilians," said Ali Muse, the head of Mogadishu's ambulance service. He said about 60 people were wounded as mortars slammed into residential areas.

Today's shelling started soon after insurgents fired toward President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed's plane, said police spokesman Abdullahi Hassan Barise.

Gunmen kill officer, soldier

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Suspected militants on a motorbike shot and killed a senior army officer and a soldier in the Pakistani capital today, striking at security forces as the military continued a major anti-Taliban offensive in the northwest.

The assault in Islamabad showed that insurgents are able to hit the heart of the country despite increased security. In recent weeks, suicide bombings and raids involving teams of gunmen on a range of targets have killed more than 170 people.

The offensive in South Waziristan is considered a critical test of nuclear-armed Pakistan's campaign against Islamist extremists aiming to overthrow the state and involved in attacks on Western forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

Two gunmen today fired on an army jeep in a residential area of the capital, police official Zaffar Abbas said. A soldier and a brigadier — a high-ranking army officer — were killed, while the driver was wounded, authorities said.

The military is advancing on multiple fronts in South Waziristan, seen as a likely hiding place for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden. Over the past few days, they have been fighting for the hometown of Pakistani Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud.

Terror suspect felt out of place

BOSTON (AP) — Tarek Mehanna grew up in Boston's upscale suburbs, earned a doctorate in pharmacology, taught religion and math at a Muslim middle school and was considered a typical American kid by those who knew him.

Yet Mehanna, who had Egyptian and U.S. citizenship, told a friend he felt out of place in America, according to documents filed in court. And prosecutors say he used his hostility toward this country in a plot to kill U.S. troops in Iraq, assassinate top politicians and shoot down shoppers in U.S. malls.

Mehanna, 27, was arrested early Wednesday at his parents' home in Sudbury, an affluent town around 20 miles west of Boston. He was charged with conspiring with two others — Ahmad Abousamra, an American now in Syria, and an unidentified man who is cooperating with authorities — to support terrorism.

Ultimately, the trio never came close to pulling off an attack.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Wednesday's game.

Lottery officials said 35 players matched four numbers and won $489 each; 1,920 players matched three numbers and won $15 each; and 25,648 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	4-4-8
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-8-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	4-5-8-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-8-9-4
DAY QUINTO:	4-1-2-4-0
NIGHT QUINTO:	2-4-4-1-6
TREASURE HUNT:	1-10-22-23-28
CASH 5:	17-25-29-35-40
POWERBALL:	6-16-34-45-51
POWERBALL:	4 POWERPLAY: 2

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	7-6-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-0-4
DAY PICK 4:	7-0-9-6
NIGHT PICK 4:	0-1-2-6
ROLLING CASH 5:	3-5-16-25-26
CLASSIC LOTTO:	17-24-32-36-38-42

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

DAILY 3:	6-6-9
DAILY 4:	6-1-7-8
HOT LOTTO:	16-20-23-34-39 HB 3

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OUR OPINION

Musial deserves bridge honor

BEFORE HE BECAME a legend in St. Louis, Stan Musial belonged to the Mid-Mon Valley.

Born and raised in Donora, Musial honed his baseball skills on local playing fields, developing the talent that would lead him to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Now the man known as "The Man" could have a permanent honor leading the way to his hometown. State Sen. J. Barry Stout, D-Bentleyville, has introduced a bill in Harrisburg to rename the Donora-Monessen Bridge in honor of Musial.

It's a well-deserved honor for a man who brought a great deal of fame to a small town in southwestern Pennsylvania. Even though Musial retired from the major leagues in 1963, Mayor John Lignelli noted that some people still drive through Donora because they want to see the baseball legend's hometown.

Musial's baseball credentials speak for themselves. He played in the majors for 22 years, all with the Cardinals, and amassed 3,630 hits. He was the National League's batting champion seven times and hit above .300 in 17 seasons.

Musial was a first-ballot hall of fame selection in 1969 and was named to the Major League Baseball All-Century Team in 1999.

But his accomplishments go beyond baseball. Musial served his country in the Navy from January 1945 to March 1946 and became a successful businessman after his playing days were over.

Stan Musial Bridge — we like the sound of that. It would provide a lasting tribute to one of the Mid-Mon Valley's most famous citizens.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Jackson (Tenn.) Sun, on nuclear waste:

If a friend asked to dump his garbage in your yard because he knew you would know what to do with it, what would you say? Probably, no thanks. That's what the U.S. should say to countries that want to send their nuclear waste here for processing and storage.

Thankfully, Sen. Lamar Alexander and U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon of Murfreesboro are sponsoring legislation in Congress to keep other countries' nuclear waste out of the U.S.

No other nation allows the importation and storage of another country's nuclear waste. We shouldn't, either.

The controversy arose when a private Utah company, EnergySolutions, asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for permission to bring in 20,000 tons of low-level radioactive waste from Italy. The company would process the waste in Tennessee and store the resulting 1,600 tons at a private facility 80 miles west of Salt Lake City. The NRC also said it has applications from Mexico and Brazil to do the same thing.

The U.S. handles its own nuclear waste based on a regional system established by Congress in the 1980s. Current laws don't address importing nuclear waste from other countries. But that issue is addressed in the proposed legislation. ...

The problem with allowing the waste to come to the U.S. is that America will become the world's dumping ground for nuclear waste.

That's because no other country will accept the stuff. This is not a "world leader" designation America needs.

How to reach us

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Not-so-sweet charity in the political arena

Kathryn **LOPEZ**

On a conference call with liberal religious leaders and activists this summer, President Obama said, "I know there's been a lot of misinformation in this debate, and there are some folks out there who are, frankly, bearing false witness, but I want everyone to know what health insurance reform is all about." He uses words like "ludicrous" and "fabrications" to dismiss criticisms of his health care plan — which is still, in fact, a work in progress, making a lot of people's legitimate worries about the uncertainty of it all very relevant.

But here he wasn't just getting into a political dust-up with Sarah Palin — a prominent, critic of the reform — nor was he dismissing Republicans in the House and Senate. He was dismissing concerned citizens who, at the time, were showing up to town hall meetings in their congressional districts. He was dismissing bishops of the Catholic Church who have been raising concerns about abortion, first and foremost, but about the whole approach as well.

At a campaign rally in Newton, Iowa, in October 2004, John Edwards, then a senator and Democratic nominee for vice president, said: "If we do the work that we can do in this country, the work that we will do when John Kerry is president, people like Christopher Reeve are going to walk, get up out of that wheelchair and walk again." It was snake-oil salesmanship, plain and simple. Stem cells or Nobel aspirations, it was shameful.

In 1979, in an interview with the novelist Martin Amis in the British Tatler magazine, Roman Polanski said: "If I had killed somebody, it wouldn't have had so much appeal to the press, you see? But... (having sex), you see, and the young girls. Judges want to (have sex with) young girls. Juries want to (have sex with) young girls. Everyone wants to (have sex with) young girls!" And this is the man that titans of Hollywood rushed to align themselves with?

What all of these instances have in common is that political and cultural differences had me disposed to disagree with these men. And yet, to each statement, I reacted with a reflexive disbelief. Initially, I couldn't believe that they said the things that they were reported to have uttered. I wanted to think the best of these men whom I disagreed with.

I don't think it was an extraordinary attitude on my part. It's only natural to anyone reared on Biblical messages about charity and compassion. This reflex is the fruit of the kind of moral grounding that's always been in the American bloodstream.

So why is it that when comments like: "Slavery built the South. I'm not saying we should bring it back; I'm just saying it had its merits. For one thing, the streets were safer after dark," are erroneously attributed to Rush Limbaugh, the instinct, not just from the fringes of society but from the very mainstream of our political and cultural and sports worlds, is to believe? And not just to believe, but to be driven mad by falsehood? Chris Matthews, on MSNBC, fulminated: "Rush Limbaugh is looking more and more like (James Bond villain) Mr. Big, and at some point somebody's going to jam a CO2 pellet into his head and he's going to explode like a giant blimp."

It's not a wild assumption that Limbaugh was eliminated as a potential partial owner of the St. Louis Rams because Al Sharpton insisted it be so. The self-appointed representative of moral victories declared another triumph when Limbaugh was shut out of the NFL. The major leagues shouldn't have owners who are "divisive and incendiary," he said.

This would be the same Sharpton who never apologized for the Tawana Brawley hoax that ended a police officer's career; the same divisive and incendiary Sharpton who incited murder at Freddie's Fashion Mart in New York City.

We seem to have a high degree of moral cluelessness when it comes to charity and, to use what has now become a popular word in Supreme Court circles, empathy. We extend it when prudence would direct us to be on guard. And we have no room for it when it comes to a man whom certain top-of-the-world types tell us is no good. Outside of the 20 million or so people who listen to Limbaugh three hours a day, five days a week, maybe we're too busy to listen to all of it ourselves, so we listen to what they tell us about him — without any healthy skepticism. We're too busy for charity.

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Sounding like a head-over-heels congressional page, Republican-turned-Democratic Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter wrote on his Twitter feed shortly after President Obama campaigned for his reelection on Sept. 16: "I predict he will accomplish the toughest job of all — to bring civility to Washington." I suppose the Nobel announcement for the "new climate" Obama's created in the world is supposed to be the exclamation point on that Tweet. But the actual climatological outlook is morally cloudy, with a chance of hyper-political poor discernment. And so we buy lies and let facts fall by the wayside. That's not charity, that's willful ignorance, and it pollutes our politics, as well as our very souls.

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Racism card overused

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

I'm strongly in favor of everyone being entitled to rewards that life offers.

Some individuals remark of not getting acceptance or opportunities to prosper. These individuals don't recognize they have more than they realize.

Racism accusations need to be seriously reconsidered. It's not all as it is made to be, only exaggerated and old hat.

The so-called racists help with the values of good things in your pockets and hands by means of welfare, paying to see you play sports and in the movies, buying your music and countless other means of attention, i.e., scholarships that contribute to you having good careers.

Those petty instances that illustrate exaggerated racism are so minor compared to the vast majority of issues that promote compatibility and well-being for minorities. Those lesser occurrences should be abandoned and considered insignificant.

It's a matter of never being enough, taking advantage of rights and superficial racism.

Opportunities come about this day and age. You must have patience and ignore people unfavorable to you. It's been proven multitudinously since civil rights and liberalism got their opening. To overcome obstacles that barricade your path requires determination, not complaining.

It begins in first grade, fulfilling academic responsibilities. Others aren't responsible for those that are responsible for themselves. Hundreds of thousands of minorities have succeeded. They were persistent and applied hard work. They deserve it.

Some successful minorities cry racism. Bill Cosby cries racism toward so-called racists that have made him very wealthy. Thank you, Mr. Contempt, for your bogus appreciation.

People like who they want to like. If someone doesn't care for someone, it's their right. I'm sure you understand the rights issue.

This applies to Jimmy "Peanut Head" Carter as well. He's been sniffing peanut fumes too long.

I wish getting along could be perfect, but perfect is impossible with human nature. Racist crying is to the point of being synthetic and overused.

Gary Shaporka
Jefferson Township

NEWS

Poplawski lawyers seek change of venue ruling

If trial can't be moved from region, defense wants out-of-town jurors brought here.

By BOBBY KERLIK
For The Valley Independent
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Faced with a question of whether accused cop killer Richard Poplawski can get a fair trial, an Allegheny County judge Wednesday put the question to the people.

Common Pleas Judge Jeffrey A. Manning asked 81 juror candidates assembled for other trials in the county courthouse if they had an opinion on what the outcome should be. Forty-five raised their hands.

"To say the least, that was enlightening," Manning said. He did not rule on the request by Poplawski's attorneys to move the trial out of town or bring in a jury from another county.

Yesterday was Poplawski's first court appearance since his arraignment on charges he fatally shot Pittsburgh police Officers Eric G. Kelly, Stephen J. Mayhle and Paul J. Sciullo II and engaged in a gun battle with other officers April 4 at his Stanton Heights home. Police say he ambushed the officers with a shotgun and assault rifle when they responded to a domestic disturbance.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. A trial date has not been chosen.

Poplawski, 23, grew a beard since his arrest and was allowed to be unshackled as he sat in front of jurors while wearing a dark suit and white dress shirt.

Questioned by Manning, eight people said they had not heard or read about the case, 38 said they could not put aside what they know about the case and decide it fairly, and 45 said they have an opinion on the outcome.

"Regardless of what (the jurors') answers are, this case is unusual. Mr. Poplawski cannot get a fair trial here. There's too much publicity," said defense attorney Richard Narvin, who will represent Poplawski in the penalty phase if he's convicted of first-degree murder.

Deputy District Attorney Mark V. Tranquilli did not address the defense request in court. He declined to speak afterward, citing a gag order Manning ordered several months ago.

University of Pittsburgh law professor John Burkoff called polling other jurors "a novel way to get some information." He said judges often are reluctant to move trials to other counties because of the cost.

"It doesn't force his hand one way or the other," Burkoff said. "If he thinks the lawyers can get enough good, fair jurors here, then he should have the trial here. If (the judge) is nervous about that, then they could go elsewhere."

Manning ordered lawyers to pick juries in Erie County to hear trials here in the cases of Craig Elias, Jared Henkel and Jared Lischner, all of Mt. Lebanon, who were convicted in 2003 of killing Andrew Jones and dumping his body in the Ohio River; and for Michael Richards of the East End, who was convicted in 2001 of killing Sidney Barlow in the Garfield Turkey Bowl game.

Poplawski said nothing as three deputy sheriffs led him past reporters in the courthouse. Inside the courtroom, he told the judge he agreed to waive his right to a speedy trial.

Assistant Public Defender Lisa Middleman, who will represent Poplawski in the guilt phase of the trial, filed a 15-page motion asking Manning to order several items, including dismissing the case because she said police and prosecutors violated the gag order.

Jasmine Goldband /For The Valley Independent

Accused cop killer Richard Poplawski is led into Judge Jeffrey Manning's courtroom by Deputy Sheriff Michael Piscitelli, left, and Deputy Sheriff Craig Goughnour at the Allegheny County Courthouse on Wednesday.

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Weiss said the editor of the paper would be Edward R. Brennan, former editor of *The Free Press* in Gary, Indiana, and a veteran of 16 years in the newspaper business.

Weiss said the paper would be "independent Democratic" in its editorial policy and substantially confirmed reports in Westmoreland County political circles that it would reflect the views of the county Democratic organization, which was in complete control of county government.

Plans called *The Daily News* to be printed in tabloid format.

The newspaper was short-lived, however, and publication was discontinued in late 1948.

At a sheriff's sale in Greensburg on June 17, 1949, the Charleroi Savings & Trust Company purchased the three-story brick building that housed the operations of the Monessen Publishing Company.

The building, formerly known as Louttit's Hall, was the first brick business building erected in Monessen soon after the town was founded in 1898. The Charleroi bank was the lone bidder for the building and gained ownership on a sale price of $1,500.

On July 27, 1965, Daniel L. Thomas, manager of the Mary Carter Paint Company store directly across the street at Eighth and Donner, announced he had purchased the three-story landmark building, which had housed a laundromat and a beauty shop in recent years.

The Valley Independent reported the building was owned jointly at that time by Judge Weiss, Parente, Joseph McCahill, a former Monessen resident living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and the estates of the late Dr. John A. Goetz, a former superintendent of Monessen public schools, and the late Rev. Kirby.

The newspaper also noted that municipal government in Monessen got its start in the structure as some 65 voters turned out to cast ballots on Nov. 8, 1898. That was the first election in the history of the city.

In October of 1898, Monessen's First Presbyterian Church held its first preaching service at the building.

The building also served throughout the years as the birthplace or temporary home of numerous other civic, religious and fraternal organizations.

Thomas moved his paint store to the site and did business there until his death on Aug. 6, 1972. He was only 54.

The building eventually became part of the Westgate Urban Renewal Area and, like many other structures in that section of the city, was razed.

It should be noted that Monessen's first daily newspaper was *The Independent,* which was initially published by Frank Householder on June 28, 1902.

Harry R. Pore became the owner a few months later.

In 1904, *The Independent* purchased *The Monessen Leader*, a short-lived weekly, and the publication eventually became *The Monessen Daily Independent*, which bought *The Charleroi Mail* in 1960 to create *The Valley Independent.*

The first edition of *The Valley Independent* was published on Sept. 1, 1960.

(If you have memories to share or a story idea, contact Ron Paglia at ronpaglia@verizon.net or c/o The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062.)

Fayette's dog licenses may be available on-line

Fayette County dog owners may soon be able to purchase required annual licenses online.

The Internet-based program would help reunite lost dogs with their owners, Deputy Treasurer Dianne Rossini said during a commissioners agenda meeting Tuesday.

The commissioners today were scheduled to consider spending approximately $6,000 toward the $10,000 set-up cost for padoglicense.com. The remaining $4,000 would be covered using money to be taken from a records fund, which Rossini said is funded by recording fees.

State law requires dogs to be licensed annually.

Some counties send out renewal notices annually, but Fayette does not because it lacks a system to track licensing from year to year, Rossini said.

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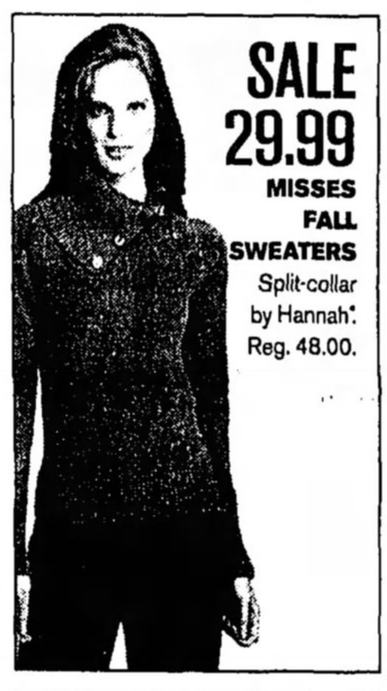

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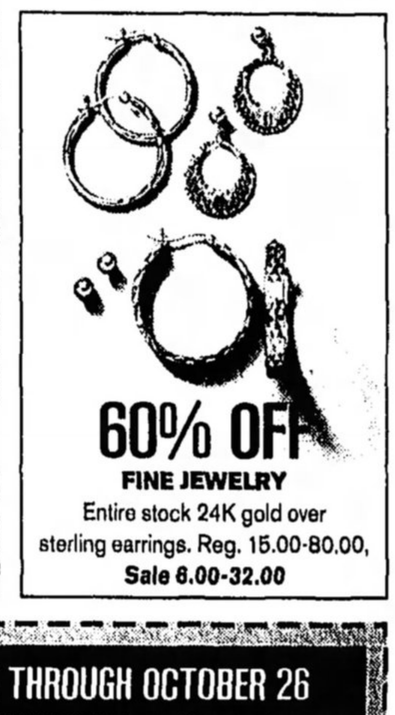

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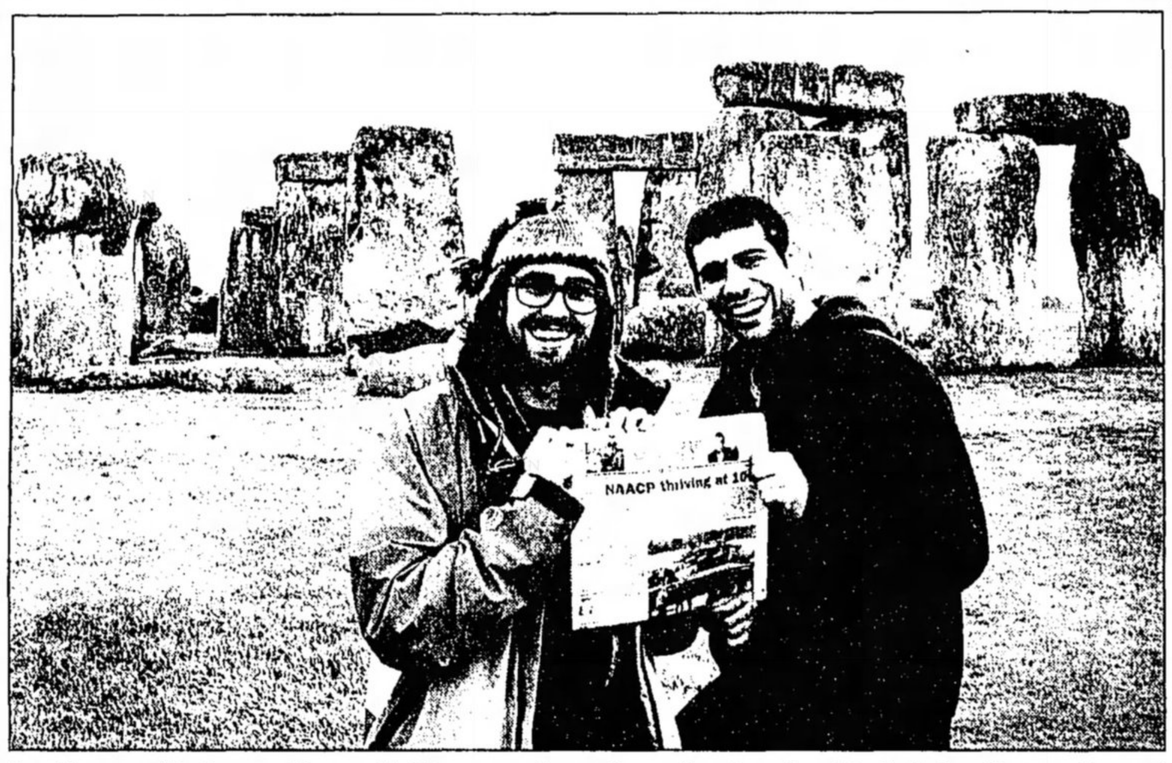
NEWS

Belle Vernon Area High School crowned Courtny Jodon as its 2009 homecoming queen Friday. The homecoming court, from left, comprises Jessalyn Timko, Krystal Page, Jodon, Marla Sasko, Laura Giarrusso, Bethany Christopher and Jocelyn Connolly.

Some area residents took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Wilmington, N.C. Posing at the Dunes Village Resort in Myrtle Beach are, back row, from left, Rose Johnson, of Donora, and Dana and Rich Painter; and front row, Matthew and Caitlin Painter, of Carroll Township.



Indiana University of Pennsylvania students Patrick Camut, of North Charleroi, and Joe Torrisi, of Philadelphia, took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Stonehenge in England, where they are studying at the University of Worcester.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The following have applied for marriage licenses through the Westmoreland County Register of Wills:

■ Yaseen Abdullah Ali, of Dubois, and Christi Rosanna Scaccia, of Belle Vernon.

■ Brian Scott Fine, of West Newton, and Laura Ashley Grant, of Greensburg.

■ Ronald Lee Gribbin Jr., of Irwin, and Kari Kay Kronander, of Roscoe.

■ Frank Edward Davis and Debra Lee Devore, both of Monessen.

■ Robert Michael Harshman and Nicole Marie Stauffer, both of Sutersville.

■ Matthew Joseph Rowland and Charity Joy Toomey, both of Belle Vernon.

■ Eric James Majewski, of Murrysville, and Amanda Lee Moore, of West Newton.

■ Joseph Richard Bargiel and Nicole Lesko, both of West Newton.

■ Joel Andrew Nick and Kristen Dawn Hans, both of Monessen.

■ Richard Allen Rotheram, of Charleroi, and Audrey Lynn Kistler, of Greensburg.

MAKING THE GRADE

Charleroi Rotary honors Neff

The Charleroi Rotary Club named Jacqueline Neff as its October student of the month.

A Charleroi Area High School senior, she is active with the National Honor Society, varsity track and field, Computer Club, Spanish Club, academic league and Future is Mine.

Neff

She serves as state secretary of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. She is the varsity volleyball captain. She works at the North Charleroi Dairy Queen and plans to attend college.

She is the daughter of Charles and Stacy Neff, of North Charleroi.

Pitt-Greensburg announces grads

The following area students graduated in August from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg: Elizabeth – Ronald E. Flex; New Eagle – Jody T. Wilkerson.

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Phillies back in Series

Jayson Werth homered twice Wednesday as Philadelphia finished off the Dodgers in the NLCS. **4B**

Valley SPORTS

Hard times for Little E

Dale Earnhardt Jr. is searching for answers after the worst season of his Sprint Cup career. **2B**

Gonchar sidelined

An injured wrist will keep Penguins defenseman Sergei Gonchar out of action for four to six weeks. **3B**

Sports Trivia

Which former Minnesota Vikings quarterback owns the NFL record with seven touchdown passes in a game? **4B**

Last night's games

Boston 3, Nashville 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Carolina 3, SO
Buffalo 5, Florida 2
Minnesota 3, Colorado 2, SO

Brian **HERMAN**

Picking area football winners

Taking a look at this weekend's area football games after a 7-2 showing upped my season record to 52-15:

Belle Vernon Area at Thomas Jefferson

The Leps rebounded from tough one-point losses to Greensburg Salem and West Mifflin by downing Trinity and Ringgold for new coach Aaron Krepps' first Big 7 victories. TJ is one of only two WPIAL Class AAA unbeatens, with Hopewell the other. The Jaguars are averaging 38 points and a winning margin of 34. The Jaguars' victims include Washington, D.C.'s, H.D. Woodson (38-0), Uniontown (34-19), Trinity (34-7), Ringgold (41-7), Laurel Highlands (55-0), Elizabeth Forward (49-0) and Chartiers-Valley (20-0). TJ has probably the WPIAL's top passing duo with Sam Johnston throwing to Jim Giansante. The Jaguars own the longest winning streak against WPIAL teams at 44. The Leps haven't beaten TJ since 2000. TJ has outscored the Leps, 131-34, in the last three meetings. Enough said? TJ by 28 points.

Charleroi at Washington

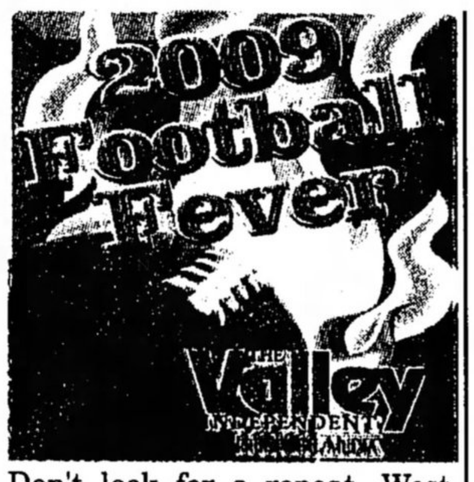
Crucial Interstate battle between two of the five teams tied for second place. With unbeaten Mt. Pleasant left on the schedule, the Cougars can't afford another loss to make the playoffs. Washington also has a tough finale at McGuffey. Coached for the first year by Mike Bosnic, the Prexies are riding a four-game winning streak with the last victory over defending champion Jeannette (24-16). Washington's other wins were over Waynesburg (24-0), East Allegheny (40-0), Brownsville (31-14) and South Allegheny (36-0). The Prexies suffered successive setbacks to Mt. Pleasant (28-15) and Greensburg Central Catholic (47-0) in the second and third weeks. The Cougars were a 50-12 loser in their last visit to Washington in 2003. It will be a lot closer this time. Washington gets the nod by two points.

Monessen at Carmichaels

Home hasn't been sweet for the Mikes where they're 0-3 with losses to Chartiers-Houston (35-21), Beth-Center (28-6) and Jefferson-Morgan (20-15). Carmichaels is coming off road wins at California (44-26) and Geibel (28-7) with a 36-6 romp at Mapletown after opening the season with a 28-12 defeat at Fort Cherry. The Mikes' senior running back Anthony Farrar needs 55 yards for 1,000 and has scored 13 touchdowns. The Greyhounds own three straight wins over the Mikes. The pick is Monessen by 12 points.

West Mifflin at Ringgold

The Rams aren't catching the Titans at a good time. West Mifflin, which closes at home with unbeaten Thomas Jefferson, is coming off a surprising 28-0 home loss to Trinity and needs a win to make the playoffs. West Mifflin's only other defeat was to Chartiers Valley (28-20) between wins over Allderdice (35-0), Derry (30-20), Elizabeth Forward (10-9), Belle Vernon Area (14-13) and Uniontown (31-17). The Rams are winless in the Big 7 after downing two Keystone Conference teams. Ringgold's last Big 7 win was at West Mifflin, 7-3, last year.



Don't look for a repeat. West Mifflin romps by four touchdowns.

Chartiers Valley at Elizabeth Forward

The Warriors are catching the Colts at a good time without star quarterback Wayne Capers. Minus Capers, Chartiers Valley managed only 45 total offense yards in last week's battle of unbeatens in a 20-0 loss to Thomas Jefferson. With Big 7 wins over Belle Vernon Area (41-21), West Mifflin (28-20), Trinity (30-12) and Ringgold (24-22), the Colts have clinched a playoff spot. Elizabeth, which closes at Belle Vernon Area, needs two wins to made the playoffs for the first time since 2005. The pick is Chartiers Valley by seven points.

Jeff-Morgan at California

Playoff spot on the line for the Trojans, who close at Tri-County South leader Monessen next week. The Rockets are the conference's highest scoring team with a 30-point average. Jeff-Morgan is coming off a 43-21 loss at Monessen, with its only other setback at Beth-Center, 44-13. The Rockets' wins are over Leechburg (34-14), Avella (42-6), Geibel (47-19), Carmichaels (20-15) and West Greene (33-0). California quarterback D.J. Martinak has run and passed for more than 1,200 yards. In a close one, go with Cal by six points.

Frazier at Serra

The Commodores probably aren't looking forward to their trip to McKeesport. The last two times Frazier returned home 67-14 and 55-8 losers. The Eagles have given up only one touchdown in their last three games in wins over Avella (40-0), Bentworth (13-0) and Chartiers-Houston (28-7). Serra's lone loss was at home to Fort Cherry (42-34) after victories over North Catholic (27-20), California (45-13) and Burgettstown (35-6). The Eagles feature one of Class A's better quarterbacks in Robbie Heatherington. Serra could be caught looking ahead to next week's Black Hills showdown at Clairton. It shouldn't make a difference. The pick is Serra by four touchdowns.

Chartiers-Houston at Bentworth

Home finale for the Bearcats, who snapped a five-game skid with a 28-18 win over Avella. After starting out 4-1, the Bucs lost to the Black Hills Conference's top two teams, Clairton (63-3) and Serra (28-7). The Bucs own wins over West Greene (42-20), Carmichaels (35-21), Avella (12-0) and Frazier (17-0) around a 21-6 loss to Burgettstown. The last time the Bearcats beat Chartiers-Houston was 2002, 23-6. Go with the Bucs by 13 points.

Yough at Trinity

Non-conference game. Trinity is coming off its best game of the season, a convincing 28-0 romp at West Mifflin. Sophomore Tyler Yocca, Trinity's third-team running back, rushed for 90 yards and two touchdowns. Trinity's only other win was over Elizabeth Forward (21-7). The Hillers have lost to Quad A Canon-McMillan (36-22), Greensburg Salem (10-7), Thomas Jefferson

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BVA's coach testy about playoff opener

Saturday afternoon's game at Norwin conflicts with ACTs.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

The WPIAL soccer committee didn't do Belle Vernon Area's two teams or Charleroi's boys any favors when it came to the pairings for the upcoming playoffs.

The area trio will all be facing tough first-round tests on the road.

Despite being a five-time section champ or co-champ, Belle Vernon Area's Lady Leps (14-2-2) will open at 2 p.m. Saturday at Norwin.

BVA coach Paul Sasko was none too thrilled with any of the aspects of the draw, especially playing Saturday when some of the school's seniors will be taking the ACTs in the morning which could run until 12:30 p.m.

"Our athletic director (Jesse Cramer) tried to change the time, but the WPIAL won't budge," said Sasko. "I can't believe that they're going to make the girls select between taking the tests or playing in a playoff game.

"And we're the only first round game Saturday," he added. "I don't understand."

Norwin (14-3-1) finished second in Class AAA Section 1 to Penn-Trafford by one game.

The Lady Knights' losses were to Penn-Trafford (3-0 and 1-0) and at Peters Township (2-1).

The Lady Leps opened the season with a 4-0 loss to Peters Township.

Belle Vernon Area's boys (11-5-2) make their debut Monday at West Allegheny (16-1-1) at 7:45 p.m.

"I kind of expected that we would play them," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "I think we are better than a few teams ahead of us, but what can you do? "

The lone blemishes for the Section 5 champion Indians were a 2-1 loss at Montour and a 1-1 tie with Chartiers Valley.

Charleroi (11-6) plays at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at Springdale (12-1-3).

"We have to be on top of our game," said Charleroi coach George Watkins. "We don't know much about Springdale, but they don't know much about us. For us to win, we have to finish our chances and we didn't do that down the stretch."

The Section 2 champion, Springdale's lone defeat was at Deer Lakes, 2-1, in the season opener.

The ties were with Deer Lakes (2-2), St. Joseph (1-1) and Burrell (2-2).

Top rusher awaits Steelers

Adrian Peterson has 624 yards in six games for the unbeaten Vikings.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — They've met with their coaches, watched tape, talked among themselves. The Pittsburgh Steelers still aren't certain how they're going to do it.

Shut down Brett Favre, who remains one of the NFL's prolific passers? For certain, that's a worry.

To beat the unbeaten Minnesota Vikings (6-0) on Sunday, the Steelers (4-2) understand their top priority must be finding a way to slow down Adrian Peterson, something no opposing game plan or defensive scheme has accomplished this season.

Peterson's 624 yards rushing lead the NFL, and his 5.16 yards per carry average through 36 career games is the highest in NFL history at that stage of a career. Barry Sanders had a 5.12 average and Jim Brown had a 5.07 average, according to Stats LLC.

In Minnesota's other two games against AFC North opponents, Peterson gained 180 yards against Cleveland and 143 yards against Baltimore. He gained 85 yards or more in four of Minnesota's first six games.

"It's double trouble," Steelers linebacker James Farrior said Wednesday. "It's probably going to be the toughest matchup that we face. They've got a Hall of Fame quarterback, the best running back in the league, one of the best offensive lines. They've got the total package."

Calling Peterson the NFL's best running back is insufficient, according to Steelers coach Mike Tomlin.

"Arguably the best football player in the world right now is Adrian Peterson," Tomlin said.

The Steelers aren't backing away from the challenge. They are No. 2 against the run, and limited No. 2 rusher Chris Johnson of

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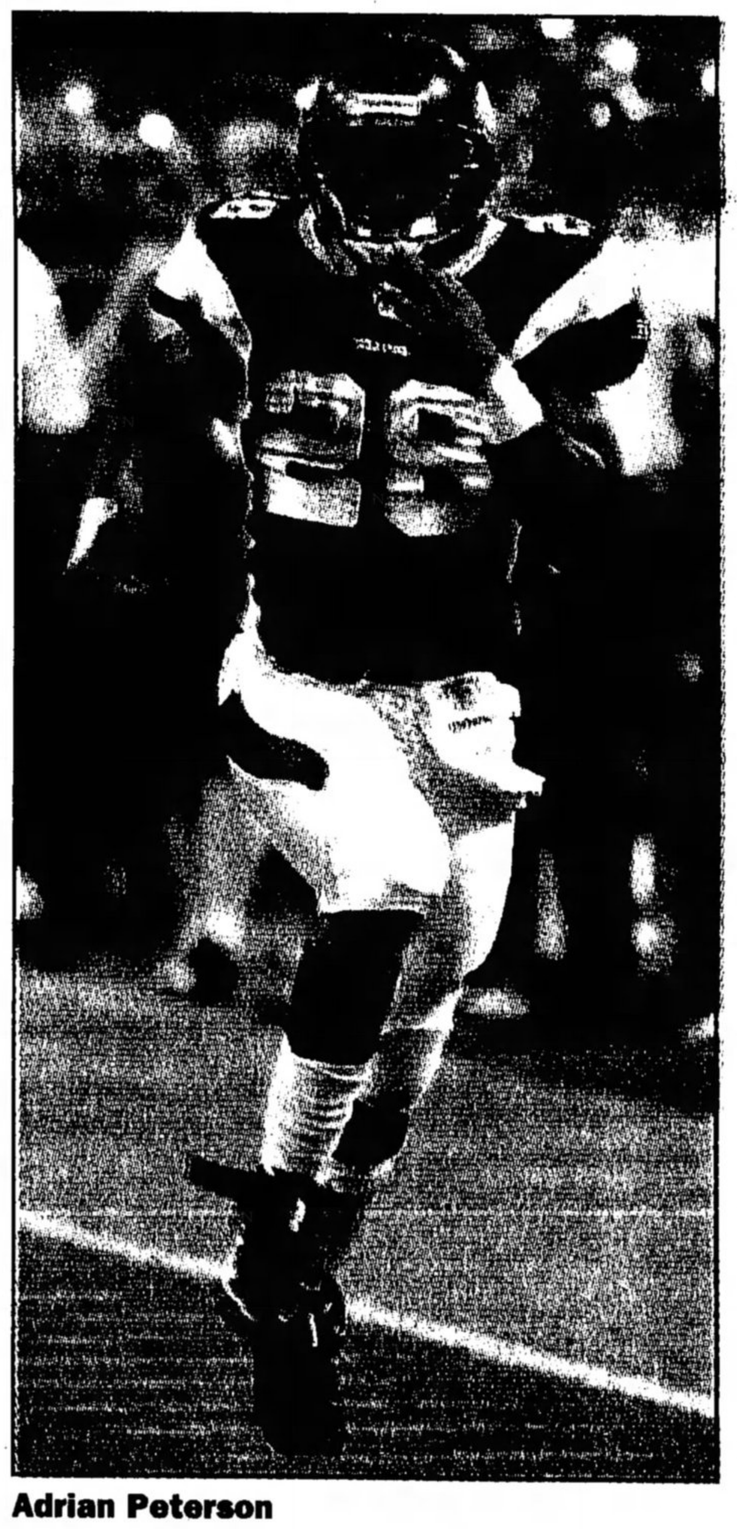

Adrian Peterson

Reed apologizes for incident

Kicker admits run-in with police was "a distraction to this team."

Jeff Reed

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers kicker Jeff Reed is saying he's sorry. Again.

The question is whether the Steelers will tire of a dependable but distraction-causing player who constantly keeps needing to apologize.

Reed said he's unhappy at focusing unwanted attention on the organization by becoming involved in a run-in with Pittsburgh police, several hours after kicking two field goals during a 27-14 victory against Cleveland on Sunday.

"I apologize for being a distraction to this team," Reed said. "For me, now I can move on. There are other players that have done this and played well, so it's not an excuse."

The incident was the second involving Reed this year and led to talks with team president Art Rooney II, director of football operations Kevin Colbert and coach Mike Tomlin, none of whom was pleased with Reed's actions.

Earlier this year, Reed paid $543 in fines and restitution after pleading guilty to disorderly conduct and criminal mischief for damaging a paper towel dispenser in a Pittsburgh-area convenience store bathroom in February, a few weeks after the Steelers won the Super Bowl.

The NFL is investigating Reed's latest off-field problem, in which he was cited for simple assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness after allegedly scuffling with police officers outside a bar near Heinz Field.

Reed will play Sunday against unbeaten Minnesota (6-0), but Tomlin had no options other than bringing in an unfamiliar kicker for his team's biggest game of the season so far.

"When you're talking about pulling people out of lineups and so forth, it's not conducive to winning," Tomlin said.

While the Steelers aren't punishing him for now, Reed is unsigned past this season, and

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That's Racin'

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"A couple of mistakes two weeks in a row — one by the driver and one by a mechanical issue, it just takes you right out of it."

— Driver Denny Hamlin, describing the mishaps that have knocked him out of championship contention this season. Hamlin is 372 points behind points leader Jimmie Johnson.

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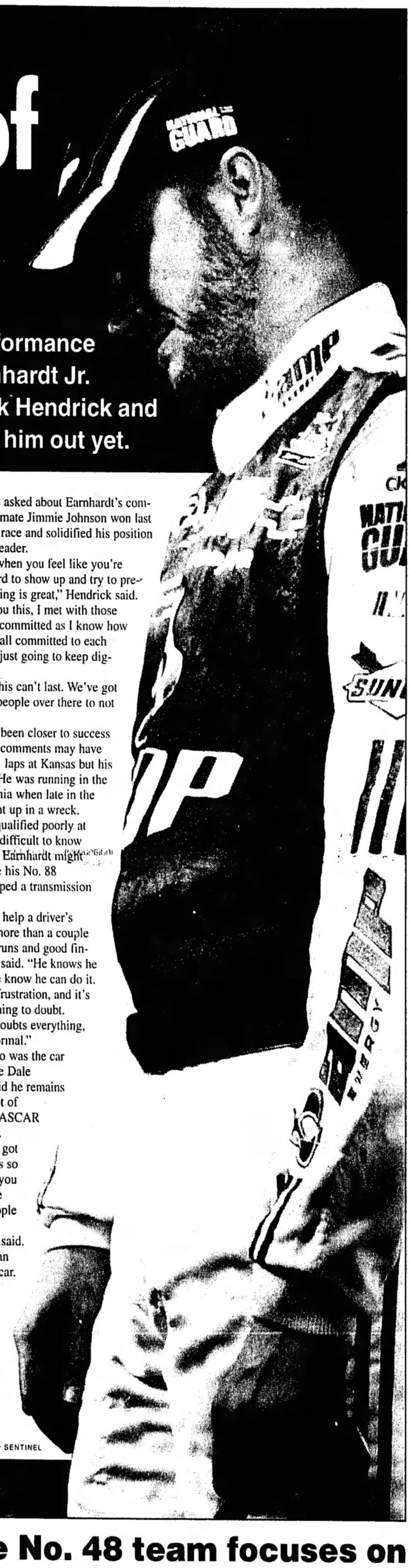
A season of discontent

Coming off the worst on-track performance of his Sprint Cup career, Dale Earnhardt Jr. is frustrated. But team owners Rick Hendrick and Richard Childress say don't count him out yet.



By Jim Utter
McClatchy Newspapers

Dale Earnhardt Jr. is frustrated, angry, discouraged and disillusioned.

None of that surprises his Hendrick Motorsports team owner, Rick Hendrick.

And neither Hendrick nor team owner Richard Childress — two people among the closest to Earnhardt — believe the best of Earnhardt's Sprint Cup Series career is behind him.

"I don't care who you are, every driver that I've had drive for me has had a period somewhere in that stretch where their confidence is shaken. That's just normal," Hendrick said.

"I mean, I feel the same way about trying to know what to do to fix things sometimes. It's like, maybe I need to ask somebody else."

Right now, any input is welcomed.

Earnhardt, 34, is in the midst of his worst Cup season. In 31 starts, he has just two top-five and five top-10 finishes and is 22nd in the series standings. He has one victory in the last three seasons and his current average finish of 22.9 is the worst of his career.

Last weekend at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Earnhardt unloaded his frustrations during a round of media interviews.

"I've been riding it out, but there comes a point where you don't want to ride it out any more," he said. "I've just had enough. It's been a long year."

GARY W. GREEN/ORLANDO SENTINEL

Driver Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, and crew chief Lance McGrew look over the No. 88 car after a crash in the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona (Fla.) International Raceway in July.

Hendrick was asked about Earnhardt's comments after teammate Jimmie Johnson won last Saturday night's race and solidified his position as series points leader.

"Sometimes when you feel like you're snake bit, it's hard to show up and try to pretend that everything is great," Hendrick said. "But I can tell you this, I met with those guys and I'm as committed as I know how to be, and we're all committed to each other, and we're just going to keep digging.

"I told them this can't last. We've got too many smart people over there to not fix it."

The team has been closer to success than Earnhardt's comments may have led on. He led 41 laps at Kansas but his engine blew up. He was running in the top 10 at California when late in the race he got caught up in a wreck.

Although he qualified poorly at Charlotte, it was difficult to know what kind of day Earnhardt might have had because his No. 88 Chevrolet developed a transmission problem.

"Nothing will help a driver's confidence any more than a couple of back-to-back runs and good finishes," Hendrick said. "He knows he can do it, and we know he can do it. It's just a ... it's frustration, and it's just (he's) beginning to doubt.

"Everybody doubts everything, and that's just normal."

Childress, who was the car owner for the late Dale Earnhardt Sr., said he remains confident the best of Earnhardt Jr.'s NASCAR career lies ahead.

"Everybody's got their expectations so high. And when you don't fulfill those expectations, people think you're not there," Childress said.

"But Junior can still drive a race car. He can compete. He can win. And he will win a championship some day; it's just a matter of going through a few of these peaks and valleys."

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THIS WEEK'S RACE

TUMS 500

Where: Martinsville Speedway, a .526-mile flat, concrete oval located in Martinsville, Va.

When: Sunday at 1 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: ABC.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson.

Worth mentioning: Martinsville Speedway — known for its hot dogs — is expanding its culinary appetite by sponsoring a chili cook-off at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville on Saturday. Chili fans will have opportunity to taste some of the region's best and unique chili from 4 to 9 p.m. Hermie Sadler, NASCAR driver and television and radio personality, will be a special guest judge.

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

- **Jimmie Johnson:** What's impressive is how he makes something so difficult look so easy.
- **Matt Kenseth:** Roush Fenway Racing appears to be making strides and it showed with Kenseth's run at Charlotte.
- **Kasey Kahne:** If you can keep pace with Johnson these days, you're doing pretty good.
- **Kyle Busch:** A week after having to get out of two race cars with the flu, he returns to Victory Lane in the Nationwide Series.

WHO'S NOT

- **Denny Hamlin:** Unfortunately, he saved his worst finishes for his best tracks.
- **Juan Pablo Montoya:** The biggest test for this team will be dealing with its first Chase setback.
- **Brian Vickers:** Making the Chase may have been the worst thing to happen to him this season.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

SPRINT CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Oct. 17:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	5923	21. Kevin Harvick	3141
2. Mark Martin	5833	22. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2986
3. Jeff Gordon	5788	23. Martin Truex Jr.	2985
4. Tony Stewart	5768	24. A.J. Allmendinger	2959
5. Kurt Busch	5746	25. Jamie McMurray	2941
6. Juan Montoya	5728	26. Elliott Sadler	2891
7. Greg Biffle	5655	27. Sam Hornish Jr.	2850
8. Ryan Newman	5635	28. David Ragan	2776
9. Kasey Kahne	5592	29. Reed Sorenson	2758
10. Carl Edwards	5582	30. David Stremme	2753
11. Denny Hamlin	5551	31. Bobby Labonte	2684
12. Brian Vickers	5438	32. Paul Menard	2611
13. Matt Kenseth	3774	33. Michael Waltrip	2388
14. Kyle Busch	3755	34. Robby Gordon	2350
15. Clint Bowyer	3699	35. Scott Speed	2283
16. David Reutimann	3644	36. John Andretti	2192
17. Marcos Ambrose	3371	37. David Gilliland	1849
18. Casey Mears	3269	38. Regan Smith	1260
19. Jeff Burton	3256	39. Brad Keselowski	1183
20. Joey Logano	3197	40. Joe Nemechek	1179

NATIONWIDE SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Oct. 16:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kyle Busch	5004	11. Michael Annett	3178
2. Carl Edwards	4809	12. Tony Raines	3127
3. Brad Keselowski	4732	13. Joey Logano	3115
4. Jason Leffler	4019	14. Kenny Wallace	3104
5. Justin Allgaier	3832	15. Kevin Harvick	2923
6. Steve Wallace	3523	16. Scott Wimmer	2686
7. Mike Bliss	3514	17. Eric McClure	2625
8. Jason Keller	3495	18. David Ragan	2340
9. Brendan Gaughan	3403	19. Brian Vickers	2257
10. Michael McDowell	3185	20. Scott Lagasse Jr.	2194

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Kroger on Track for the Cure 250, Memphis, Tenn.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Sept. 26:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Ron Hornaday	3210	6. Todd Bodine	2645
2. Matt Crafton	3013	7. Colin Braun	2632
3. Mike Skinner	2955	8. Rick Crawford	2576
4. Brian Scott	2714	9. Timothy Peters	2573
5. Johnny Sauter	2647	10. David Starr	2552

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Kroger 200, Martinsville, Va.

Despite Chase lead, the No. 48 team focuses on bigger picture

By Ron Green Jr.
McClatchy Newspapers

With three wins in five Chase races, a 90-point lead midway through the 10-event shootout and three straight Sprint Cup championships to their credit, Jimmie Johnson and the No. 48 team could start working on their Las Vegas acceptance speeches already.

They're not.

And don't even suggest to Johnson and his team that the second half of the Chase for the Championship is a formality, despite the fact second-place Mark Martin trails by 90 points, third-place Jeff Gordon is 135 points behind and the rest, well, they're half a lap or more behind.

"It's a nice lead, but there's no need for anyone to get excited," Johnson said early Sunday morning after winning the NASCAR Banking 500 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"There's a lot of danger out there. We just need to be smart."

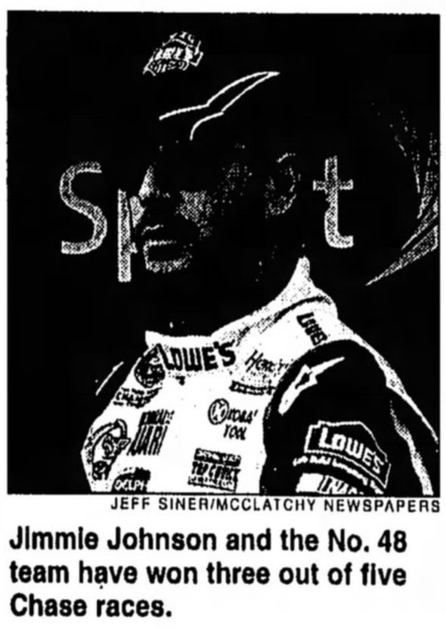
By danger, Johnson means there's a trip to Talladega in two weeks, a place where cars and points could flip upside down.

But there's also a trip this weekend to Martinsville, a place Johnson has dominated. He has made 15 career starts at Martinsville, has six wins, 11 top 10s, and he's finished out of the top 10 just once.

If his challengers are going to cut into his lead, they'll probably have a hard time doing it at Martinsville.

Matt Kenseth, who finished second to Johnson, isn't in the Chase, but he's seen this movie before.

"Whenever it counts and it's crunch time, they do this," Kenseth said. "They've done this every year for the last four years, so it shouldn't really be a surprise to anybody."



JEFF SINER/MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Jimmie Johnson and the No. 48 team have won three out of five Chase races.

Johnson's victory Saturday night didn't come easily. He didn't dominate the race, which was led at various times by Denny Hamlin, Kasey Kahne, Kenseth and Gordon.

Johnson was always close, though, and over the final 40 laps, it was clear he was the man to beat. It looked as if both Kahne and Gordon might do it, but ultimately neither was close when the checkered flag fell.

It capped what crew chief Chad Knaus called a "perfect weekend," something he'd privately wanted to accomplish for years. It meant posting the best time in both practice sessions, winning the pole and the race.

Johnson wasn't aware of the goal until Knaus mentioned it on Saturday.

"We haven't quite made it, ever, so it was kinda cool," said Knaus, who said the team had come close twice.

If there's a secret to Johnson's success — beyond pure speed and driving talent — it's been the team's ability to avoid trouble.

"We've been fortunate over the last couple of years that we haven't had a significant failure in the Chase," Knaus said. "But it's very, very possible."

Juan Pablo Montoya entered Saturday in third place in the points, but his car was damaged when Martin bumped him from behind on a restart. By the time the race was over, Montoya had fallen to sixth in points, his Chase hopes severely damaged.

Johnson, meanwhile, has an average finish of 3.2 in five Chase races.

"One flat tire, one mechanical problem, Talladega ... and that 90 points is gone," Johnson said. "I'm not trying to downplay where we are, but there's a lot of racing left."

Car owner Rick Hendrick isn't taking anything for granted.

"We have Talladega coming up," he said. "I don't think you can have enough points."

SPORTS

Soccer playoffs

Boys
First Round
Class AAA
Saturday

2 p.m. - Seneca Valley (9-7-1) at Bethel Park (14-3-1).

4 p.m. - Baldwin (9-7) at Norwin (13-4-1); Kiski Area (12-5-1) at Upper St. Clair (15-2-1).

Monday

7:45 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (9-7-1) at Fox Chapel (17-0-1).

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Central Catholic (13-2-2) vs Shaler (8-5-3) at Pine- Richland

7:45 p.m. - Gateway (12-6) at Pine-Richland (10-4-2); Penn-Trafford (12-5-1) at Peters Township (13-2-1)

Bye - Mt. Lebanon (16-1-1)

Class AA
Saturday

4 p.m. - Knoch (9-7-1) at Center (13-4); Mt. Pleasant (12-6) at Hampton (13-3)

Monday

6 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (10-5-2) vs Burrell (15-2-1) at Mars

7:45 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (11-5-2) at West Allegheny (16-1-1); Indiana (12-6) at Mars (17-1); Montour (11-5-2) at Beaver (11-5)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Southmoreland (13-3-1) vs Keystone Oaks (13-3-2) at Mt. Lebanon.

7:45 p.m - Ambridge (11-7) vs South Park (16-2) at Baldiwin.

Class A
Saturday

4 p.m. - Seton-LaSalle (12-6) at Shady Side Academy (13-5)

Monday

6 p.m. - Trinity Christian (11-7) vs Carlynton (15-1-2); St. Joseph (8-9-1) vs Greens burg Central Catholic (14-4) at Mt. Pleaant; Serra (13-5) vs Freedom (13-2-1) at Ambridge.

7:45 p.m. - Beaver County Christian (11-7) vs S ewickley Academy (10-6-2) at Ambridge.

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Bentworth (9-7-2) vs Canevin (12-6) at Bethel Park.

7:45 p.m. - Charlroi (11-6) at Springdale (12-1-3).

Bye - Quaker Valley (15-3).

Girls
Class AAA
Preliminary Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Mars (14-3-1) at Upper St. Clair (9-6-2); North Allegheny (13-5) at Hampton (10-4-4).

4 p.m. - Connellsville (10-8) at Franklin Regional (13-5); Montour (9-6-3) vs Thomas Jefferson (11-5-2) at Chartiers Valley.

6 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (13-5) at Chartiers Valley (12-6)

First Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (14-2-2) at Norwin (14-3-1)

Monday

6 p.m. - Southmoreland (13-1-2) at Fox Chapel (14-2-1).

7 p.m. - Gateway (14-3-1) at Penn-Trafford (14-3-1)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Mars-Upper St. Clair winner at Peters Township (15-1-2).

7 p.m. - Montour-Thomas Jefferson winner at Seneca Valley (17-0-1)

7:45 p.m. - Connellsville-Franklin Regional winner at Moon (16-0-1); North Allegheny-Hampton winner at Mt. Lebanon (13-3-1) Canon-McMillan-Chartiers Valley winner at Bethel Park (16-1-1).

Class AA
Preliminary Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Deer Lakes (9-6-2) vs Gelbel (10-6) at Franklin Regional; Quigley (9-8-1) vs Steel Valley (9-7) at Chartiers Valley.

First Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Greensburg Central Catholic (14-3-1) at Shady Side Academy (13-3-1); McGuffey (11-6) at Center (14-2-1).

Monday

6 p.m. - South Fayette (10-7-1) at Beaver (14-1).

7 p.m. - Quaker Valley (9-6-2) at Seton-LaSalle (13-4).

7:45 p.m. - Canevin (9-7-1) at Mt. Pleasant (14-4)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Deer Lakes-Gelbel winner vs South Park (15-1-1) at Baldwin; Neshannock (13-3-2) vs Sewickley Academy (14-3-1) at Moon; Quigley-Steel Valley winner at Springdale (14-1-2)

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Columbus	13	6	10	49	41	30
Chicago	10	7	12	42	38	34
New England	10	10	9	39	32	37
Toronto FC	10	10	9	39	37	41
D.C.	9	8	12	39	41	42
Kansas City	8	13	8	32	31	40
New York	4	19	6	18	22	47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Houston	12	8	9	45	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	12	45	34	31
x-Chivas USA	13	9	6	45	32	27
x-Seattle	11	7	11	44	36	28
Colorado	10	9	10	40	42	35
FC Dallas	11	12	6	39	49	45
Real SaltLake	10	12	7	37	40	35
San Jose	7	13	9	30	36	48

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched conference

Today

Chivas USA at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday

Toronto FC at New York, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Seattle , 10:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

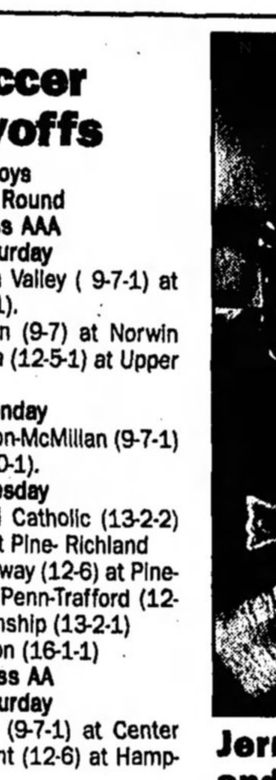
NBA preseason

Wednesday's Games

Orlando 117, Indiana 87
Boston 96, Cleveland 82
New York 94, New Jersey 92
Miami 99, Memphis 93

Today's Games

Atlanta vs. Miami at Jacksonville, Fla., 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Denver vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, Calif., 10 p.m.
Portland vs. Phoenix at Vancouver, B.C., 10 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.



Jermaine Thomas and Florida State will face North Carolina at 8 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television

2 p.m. - Golf Channel - Nationwide Tour Championship, golf.

5 p.m. - Golf Channel - Frys.com Open, golf.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Fox Chapel at Penn Hills, high school football.

7 p.m. - Versus - California at Florida, pro football.

8 p.m. - WPGH - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.

8 p.m. - ESPN - Florida State at North Carolina, college football.

8 p.m. - ESPN2 - CD Chivas at Chicago, soccer.

10 p.m. - TNT - Denver at Los Angeles Lakers, pro basketball.

Radio

8 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
T. Jefferson	4	0	7	0
Chartiers Valley	4	1	6	1
West Mifflin	2	2	5	2
BV Area	2	2	4	3
Trinity	2	3	2	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	4	3
Ringgold	0	4	2	5

Friday

BV Area at T. Jefferson
Chartiers Valley at Elizabeth
West Mifflin at Ringgold

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	4	0	6	1
Laurel Highlands	3	1	3	4
Uniontown	3	1	4	3
Derry	2	2	2	5
Albert Gallatin	2	3	3	4
Yough	1	4	1	6
S'moreland	0	4	0	7

Friday

Grb. Salem at Laurel Highlands
Albert Gallatin at Derry
Uniontown at S'moreland
Yough at Trinity

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	7	0	7	0
Charleroi	5	2	5	2
Jeannette	5	2	5	2
McGuffey	5	2	5	2
Washington	5	2	5	2
Greensburg Central	5	2	5	2
Waynesburg	2	5	2	5
Brownsville	1	6	1	6
South Allegheny	0	7	0	7
East Allegheny	0	7	0	7

Friday

Charleroi at Washington
Jeannette at Mt. Pleasant
Brownsville at East Allegheny
Waynesburg at McGuffey

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con.	Overall
Monessen	5 0	5 2
Beth-Center	4 1	5 2
Jefferson-Morgan	3 2	5 2
California	3 2	4 3
Carmichaels	3 2	3 4
Gelbel	1 4	2 5
Mapletown	1 4	1 6
West Greene	0 5	0 7

Friday

Monessen at Carmichaels
Jeff-Morgan at California
Gelbel at Mapletown
West Greene at Beth-Center

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Friday

Clairton at Avella
Frazier at Serra
C-Houston at Bentworth
Burgettstown at Fort Cherry

Big East football

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Pittsburgh	3	0	6	1
Cincinnati	2	0	6	0
West Virginia	1	0	5	1
USF	1	1	5	1
Connecticut	1	1	4	2
Rutgers	0	2	4	2
Louisville	0	2	2	4
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Friday

Rutgers at Army, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday

Connecticut at West Virginia, noon (ESPNU)
South Florida at Pittsburgh (Big East Network)
Louisville at Cincinnati, 3:30 p.m. (ESPNU)
Akron at Syracuse, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball playoffs

Wednesday

Philadelphia 10, Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia wins series 4-1

Today

New York (Burnett 13-9) at Los Angeles (Lackey 11-8), 7:57 p.m.

NLCS boxscore

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi	PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	0	1	0	Rollins ss	3	2	1	0
Belliird 2b	4	1	1	0	Victorn cf	4	1	2	3
Ethier rf	4	1	2	1	Utley 2b	4	1	0	0
MRmrz lf	3	0	1	0	Howard 1b	2	1	0	0
Kemp cf	4	0	1	1	Werth rf	4	3	3	4
Loney 1b	3	1	1	1	Ibanez lf	4	1	1	1
RMartn c	4	0	0	0	PFeliz 3b	4	1	1	1
Blake 3b	4	0	0	0	C.Ruiz c	3	0	0	0
VPadill p	1	0	0	0	Hamels p	1	0	0	0
Troncs p	0	0	0	0	Happ p	0	0	0	0
Sherrill p	0	0	0	0	Durbin p	0	0	0	0
OHudsn ph	1	1	1	1	Cairo ph	1	0	0	0
Kershw p	0	0	0	0	Park p	0	0	0	0
Pierre ph	1	0	0	0	Madson p	0	0	0	0
Kuo p	0	0	0	0	Stairs ph	1	0	0	0
Belisari p	0	0	0	0	Lidge p	0	0	0	0
Loretta ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	4	8	4	Totals	31	10	8	9

Los Angeles	110	010	010 — 4
Philadelphia	310	202	11x — 10

LOB—Los Angeles 7, Philadelphia 5. 2B—Furcal (1), Victorino (1), Ibanez (1). HR—Ethier (1), Loney (2), O.Hudson (1), Victorino (2), Werth 2 (3), PFeliz (1). S—Hamels.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
V.Padilla L,0-1	3	4	6	6	2	3
Troncoso	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Sherrill	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Kershaw	2	1	2	2	1	3
Kuo	1	1	1	1	0	3
Belisario	1	2	1	1	0	0
Philadelphia						
Hamels	4 1-3	5	3	3	1	3
Happ	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Durbin W,1-0	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Park	1	2	1	1	0	1
Madson	1	1	0	0	1	1
Lidge	1	0	0	0	0	1

Park pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
V.Padilla pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
HBP—by Sherrill (Victorino), by Troncoso (Rollins), by Kershaw (Rollins). WP—Belisario.
Umpires—Home, Tom Hallion; First, Gary Cederstrom; Second, Randy Marsh; Third, Bruce Dreckman; Right, Ted Barrett; Left, Sam Holbrook.
T—3:40. A—46,214 (43,647).

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Claimed OF Alejandro De Aza off waivers from Florida.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Named Tom Nieto manager and Floyd Rayford coach of Rochester (IL); Jeff Smith manager and Rudy Hernandez coach of New Britain (EL); Riccardo Ingram Triple-A and Double-A hitting instructor; Jake Mauer manager of Fort Myers (FSL); Tommy Watkins coach of Beloit (MWL); and Chris Heintz manager and Ramon Borrego coach of the Twins (GCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Named Derek Shelton hitting coach.

TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned RHP Jason Grilli and C Kevin Richardson outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Named Rudy Jaramillo hitting coach.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Waived G Mario West, C Garret Siler and C Courtney Sims.

DETROIT PISTONS—Waived F Maceo Baston.

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Waived G Romel Beck and G Garrett Temple.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Waived G Thomas Kelati.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Waived C Jared Reiner.

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Waived G Tre Kelley.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Waived F Brandon Bowman and G Dionte Christmas.

PHOENIX SUNS—Waived G Dan Dickau and F Carlos Powell.

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Waived C-F Melvin Ely and G Lanny Smith.

UTAH JAZZ—Waived F-C Goran Suton, F Spencer Nelson and F Alexander Johnson.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed LB Brandon Renkart to the practice squad. Released LB Lee Robinson from the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released QB D.J. Shockley from the practice squad. Signed RB Antone Smith to the practice squad.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed S Keith Lewis. Placed CB Dante Wesley on the reserve-suspended list.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed TE Michael Gaines. Signed TE Colin Cloherty to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed RB Ahman Green.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed DT Kenny Smith. Signed DT Marlon Favorite to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed DT Anthony Bryant on practice squad-injured list. Signed DT Dwayne Hendricks to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed RB Keon Lattimore to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed G Mike Gibson. Signed T Kyle Williams to the practice squad.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed OT Phil Trautwein.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled G Justin Pogge from Bakersfield (ECHL).

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled F Trent Whitfield from Providence (AHL).

DALLAS STARS—Activated C Steve Ott from injured reserve.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Suspended F Sergei Kostitsyn for leaving Hamilton (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned C Michael Nylander to Grand Rapids (AHL) for a two-week conditioning assignment.

COLLEGE

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE—Suspended the officiating crew from Saturday's Florida-Arkansas football game until Nov. 14 after it was involved in a second controversial call this season.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	9	8	1	0	16	33	19
N.Y. Rangers	9	7	2	0	14	35	22
New Jersey	7	4	3	0	8	18	19
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	21	19
N.Y. Islanders	7	1	3	3	5	17	26

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	7	5	1	1	11	23	14
Ottawa	7	5	2	0	10	22	16
Boston	8	4	4	0	8	23	25
Montreal	8	3	5	0	6	17	25
Toronto	7	0	6	1	1	14	32

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	8	4	2	2	10	29	24
Atlanta	6	4	1	1	9	21	15
Tampa Bay	7	3	3	2	6	17	27
Carolina	8	2	4	2	6	18	26
Florida	7	2	5	0	4	16	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	9	5	3	1	11	31	26
Columbus	7	5	2	0	10	21	18
St. Louis	7	3	3	1	7	20	20
Detroit	7	3	3	1	7	22	25
Nashville	8	2	5	1	5	12	26

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	9	6	1	2	14	30	21
Calgary	9	6	2	1	13	36	31
Edmonton	8	5	2	1	11	30	22
Vancouver	9	4	5	0	8	26	27
Minnesota	8	2	6	0	4	18	27

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	9	5	3	1	11	32	26
Dallas	9	4	2	3	11	29	26
Phoenix	7	5	2	0	10	18	10
Los Angeles	9	5	4	0	10	28	29
Anaheim	8	3	4	1	7	18	25

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's Games

Boston 3, Nashville 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Carolina 3, SO
Buffalo 5, Florida 2
Minnesota 3, Colorado 2, SO
Vancouver 3, Chicago 2
Dallas 4, Anaheim 2

Today's Games

Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Florida at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	124	136
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	98	144

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169

Sunday, Oct. 25

Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26

Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Florida State is 3-8 vs. the spread its last 11 games played in the month of October. The Seminoles are also 8-20 vs. the spread their last 28 games after scoring more than 40 points in the previous game. North Carolina is 5-1-1 vs. the spread its last 7 games following a bye week. The Tar Heels have gone 8-2 vs. the spread the last 10 games after allowing less than 275 total yards in their previous game. Take North Carolina -2 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 25		
Week Seven		
S. Diego	5 (44)	KC
Indianapolis	13 (46)	ST. LOUIS
CINCINNATI	1 1/2 (42)	Chicago
Green Bay	7 (42)	CLEVE.
PITTSBURGH	4 (45)	Minn.
a-N. England	14 1/2 (45)	T. Bay
HOUSTON	3 (44)	San Fran
NY Jets	6 (35)	OAKLAND
CAROLINA	7 (38)	Buffalo
New Orleans	6 (47)	MIAMI
DALLAS	4 (47)	Atlanta
NY GIANTS	7 (46)	Arizona
Monday, Oct 26		
Philadelphia	7 (38)	WASH.

a-at London, England.

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
N. CAROLINA	2 1/2 (48)	Florida St
Friday, Oct 23		
Rutgers	10 (38)	ARMY
Saturday, Oct 24		
MARSHALL	7	Ala-Birm.
SYRACUSE	10	Akron
DUKE	5 1/2	Maryland
Georgia Tech	5 1/2	VIRGINIA
MIAMI-FLA	4 1/2	Clemson
PURDUE	10	Illinois
C. Michigan	8 1/2	BOWLING GR.
N'WESTERN	6	Indiana
OHIO ST	18	Minnesota
PITTSBURGH	7	South Florida
W. VIRGINIA	7	Connecticut
S. CAROLINA	12 1/2	Vanderbilt
NEBRASKA	18	Iowa St
Ball St	2	E. MICHIGAN
N. Illinois	11	MIAMI-OHIO
Oklahoma St	9	BAYLOR
OHIO	10	Kent St
W. MICHIGAN	5	Buffalo
La Tech	2	UTAH ST
NOTRE DAME	8	Boston Coll.
ALABAMA	15 1/2	Tennessee
Oregon	10	WASHINGTON
TEXAS TECH	21	Texas A&M
Penn St	4 1/2	MICHIGAN
Oklahoma	7 1/2	KANSAS
Texas	13 1/2	MISSOURI
NAVY	2 1/2	Wake Forest
COLO. ST	8	San Diego St
UTAH	9	Air Force
NEVADA	15 1/2	Idaho
ARIZONA	7 1/2	Ucla
CALIFORNIA	35	Washington St
TOLEDO	3	Temple
MISSISSIPPI	6 1/2	Arkansas
CINCINNATI	18	Louisville
SO. MISS	21 1/2	Tulane
Central Fla	10	RICE
KANSAS ST	4	Colorado
Iowa	Pick	MICHIGAN ST
Tcu	2 1/2	BYU
Florida	23	MISS. ST
HOUSTON	16 1/2	Smu
Fresno St	24	N. MEXICO ST
LSU	8	Auburn
Univ	1	NEW MEXICO
USC	21	Oregon St
STANFORD	6 1/2	Arizona St
Boise St	26	HAWAII
UL-LAFAYETTE	3	Florida Atlantic
ARK. ST	11	Fla Inter.
TROY	18 1/2	North Texas
KENTUCKY	17	UL-Monroe
MID. TN ST	18 1/2	W. Kentucky

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
American League Championship Series		
Best of Seven		
NY Yankees lead series 3-1		
LA ANGELS	Even-6	NY Yankees

NHL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
MONTREAL	1/2-1	NY Islanders
NY RANG.	Even-1/2	N. Jersey
PHILA	1/2-1	Boston
Washington	Even-1/2	ATLANTA
OTTAWA	1/2-1	Nashville
San Jose	Even-1/2	T. BAY
EDMONTON	Even-1/2	Columbus
Detroit	Even-1/2	PHOENIX
L. ANGELES	Even-1/2	Dallas

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
California	5	0	6	2
Edinboro	4	1	6	2
Clarion	4	1	5	3
Mercyhurst	3	2	4	4
Slippery Rock	2	3	5	3
Indiana	1	4	4	4
Gannon	1	4	3	5
Lock Haven	0	5	0	7

Saturday

Noon - Edinboro at Mercyhurst
1 p.m. - California at Slippery Rock; Indiana at Clarion; Lock Haven at Gannon

Sergei Gonchar

Gonchar out 4 to 6 weeks

Injured wrist to sideline defenseman.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Penguins defenseman Sergei Gonchar will be out four to six weeks with a broken left wrist, his third significant injury in slightly more than a year.

Gonchar, who went into Wednesday's games third in scoring among NHL defensemen with eight points, missed the first 56 games of last season after undergoing left shoulder surgery.

The 35-year-old also played the final two rounds of the Stanley Cup playoffs last spring with a torn medial collateral ligament in his right knee, although he missed only two games.

Gonchar's latest injury occurred during a collision with a St. Louis Blues player during the second period of the Penguins' 5-1 victory Tuesday night. TV replays did not clearly show the hit.

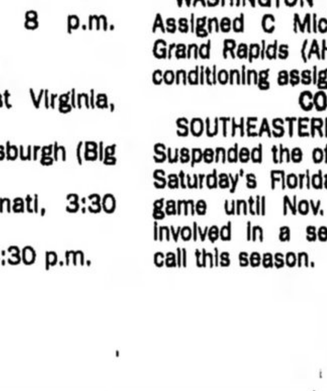
Gonchar will not need surgery.

"It's an unfortunate break," coach Dan Bylsma said Wednesday. "It wasn't a hard hit, it wasn't a late hit. It was a normal hit, (a player) finishing a check. He must have caught him in an unfortunate spot."

The Penguins were 17-4-4 when Gonchar played last season. They are 8-1 this season and have won six games in a row, but three more minutes than any other Penguins defenseman. With Gonchar out, former Colorado defenseman Martin Skoula — scratched for the first nine games — is expected to play, and defensemen Kris Letang and Alex Goligoski will split time on the top power-play unit.

"I think right now you have to feel good about the signing of Martin Skoula," Bylsma said.

Gonchar is one of the NHL's top point men on the power play, and his lengthy absence last season was partly to blame for the Penguins finishing 20th on the power play despite having two of the NHL's top three scorers. They are 18th this season.



Monesson's Milfred "Bubby" Holmes won the Mon Valley Conference scoring title in both 1971 and 1972.

Winners (FROM PAGE ONE)

(34-7), Chartiers Valley (30-12) and Belle Vernon Area (21-6). Yough hasn't shown much defense lately, giving up 110 points in its last three defeats to Albert Gallatin, Greensburg Salem and Uniontown. The Cougars are 0-5 against Big 7 teams the past two seasons, Make that 0-6 with Trinity winning by three touchdowns.

CAL U AT SLIPPERY ROCK

The Rock's 2-3 PSAC West record is a little deceiving because two of the losses were by a combined total of seven points to Edinboro (28-24) and Gannon (51-48). The other defeat was to Clarion (27-10). The Rock's victims include Bowie State (31-27), Millersville (31-14), Kutztown (27-24), Indiana (7-3) and Mercyhurst (17-16). Cal climbed from No. 6 to No. 3 in the Super Regional One ranking with the Rock dropping out from No. 5 after its defeat at Gannon. Cal has averaged 40 points in its six-game winning streak with quarterback Josh Portis throwing a conference-high 20 touchdown passes. Cal has won five of the last six meetings but the Rock leads the all-time series, 42-29-3. Go with Cal by three touchdowns.

SPORTS

Peterson (FROM PAGE ONE)

Tennessee to 57 yards and No. 3 Cedric Benson of Cincinnati to 76 yards — the most by any opposing back against them this season.

The Steelers haven't allowed an 100-yard game in their last 24 regular season games, or since Fred Taylor ran for 147 yards during the Jaguars' 29-22 victory on Dec. 16, 2007. The Steelers were No. 1 in defense the last two seasons and were No. 2 against the run last season.

This will be the Steelers defense's first big test against an elite runner without defensive end Aaron Smith, one of the NFL's top run stoppers. He is out for the season with a right shoulder injury.

"I just think we've got to do a good job wrapping (Peterson) up, tackling as a team, not expecting one guy on this team to tackle him by themselves," linebacker LaMarr Woodley said. "I feel like if we hit him as a unit, he will go down."

It normally takes more than one tackler to slow him, Woodley said, because the 6-foot-1, 217-pound Peterson is so adept at running through arm tackles.

Then again, he excels at running through entire teams. Peterson has 3,725 yards rushing since 2007, or 529 yards more than any other player. He also has 1,216 yards, a 135.1 yards per game average and 11 touchdowns in nine games against AFC teams.

"He hits the holes with speed," Woodley said. "Once he sees it, he hits it. It doesn't take him long to get it started. He's got great footwork. He's powerful and he's just a combination of everything. It's hard to tackle a guy like that."

Tomlin sees something else, too.

"The (video) tape says he's ridiculously competitive," Tomlin said. "He doesn't turn down challenges. He does a lot of things well, even when the ball's not in his hands."

Because Peterson creates so many problems, it proves distracting to defenses that already must worry about Favre's long-proven ability to complete passes under pressure and to improvise when a play breaks down. Sidney Rice had a career-high 176 yards receiving as the Vikings rallied to beat the Ravens 33-31 on Sunday.

"You can't focus on one thing," Woodley said. "If you focus on the run, Brett Favre will beat you downfield with guys like Sidney Rice. If you focus on the pass, Adrian Peterson can run the ball. You have to balance it out and maybe try to stop both."

Reed (FROM PAGE ONE)

the off-field incidents aren't helping persuade the Steelers (4-2) to bring him back.

"I was very shocked to hear people ask if I was going to play or not," Reed said. "Stuff like this, you've just got to deal with. It makes you tougher. I'm a (special teams) captain of this team. It may not sound like it when something like this comes up, but I like to represent this team as well as I can."

Steelers backup tight end Matt Spaeth, issued a citation for disorderly conduct for urinating in a parking lot during the post-game incident, also apologized. He said the matter was being resolved internally.

Reed expects the investigation to take some time, but is certain he won't be suspended. He also told his agent, Don Henderson, not to comment on the case. Henderson has said Reed will fight the charges.

"I told my agent to keep his mouth shut because he doesn't know what's going on," Reed said.

Reed's teammates told him "to keep my head up, don't worry about it, we need you." He also received numerous well wishes from fans while attending the Blues-Penguins game on Tuesday night.

"It's been embarrassing to be in the news like that, but at the same time my job is to kick field goals and extra points and kick off for this team, and I will."

The 30-year-old Reed had two costly field goal misses during the Steelers' 17-14 loss at Chicago on Sept. 20, but is 7 for 10 for the season.

He made a winner in overtime against Tennessee on Sept. 10, and is 12th in NFL history in field goal accuracy, making 169 of 206 (82 percent).

Phils finish off LA

Werth homers twice as Philadelphia earns a return trip to World Series.

By ROB MAADDI
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Now the Philadelphia Phillies can say the word they've avoided using all year: Repeat.

Jayson Werth homered twice, Shane Victorino and Pedro Feliz also connected and the defending champions beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-4 in Game 5 on Wednesday night to win their second straight NL pennant.

Ryan Howard and crew dismantled the Dodgers, proving last year was no fluke. They're looking even more dangerous this time around.

"For what we did last year, that was something special," Howard said. "But to get back to this point, to have the opportunity to try to do it two years in a row, that's even more special."

Brad Lidge closed it out, Howard was selected NL championship series MVP and the Phillies became the first team to reach consecutive World Series since the New York Yankees in 2000-01.

After beating Tampa Bay in last year's World Series, the Phillies are trying to become the first repeat champions from the NL since the Cincinnati Reds in 1975-76. The Yankees were the last team to win consecutive titles when they captured three in a row from 1998-2000.

"I can get used to it," manager Charlie Manuel told a cheering crowd. "We got one more step and we're going to get it!"

The Phillies now wait for their next opponent. They'll go for their third World Series title beginning next Wednesday night either at New York or Los Angeles. The Yankees lead the Angels 3-1 in the ALCS, which resumes Thursday night at Angel Stadium.

Meanwhile, slugger Manny Ramirez, manager Joe Torre and the rest of the Dodgers go home after leading the NL with 95 wins in the regular season and sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in the division series.

"They're confident, they're talented, and they're going where we all want to go right now — the World Series," Torre said, praising the power-hitting Phillies.

With a big night at the plate, Philadelphia overcame another shaky outing by 2008 NLCS and World Series MVP Cole Hamels. Los Angeles closed to 9-4 in the eighth, but Ryan Madson escaped a bases-loaded jam by striking out Russell Martin and retiring Casey Blake on a grounder.

Andre Ethier, James Loney and pinch-hitter Orlando Hudson hit solo homers for the Dodgers, who also lost to the Phillies in five games in last year's NLCS.

Associated Press

Ryan Howard holds the MVP trophy after the Phillies beat the Dodgers Wednesday.

The teams combined to tie the record of seven homers in a postseason game — the fifth time that's happened.

"They were better than us," Ramirez said. "You saw what they were capable of doing."

Fireworks exploded over Citizens Bank Park after Victorino caught a fly ball for the final out. The NL East champions, who beat Colorado in four games in the opening round, met Lidge in the middle of the diamond to celebrate and began putting on hats with the stitched-in logo of "WS2009."

Team president David Montgomery led the crowd in a chant of "Charlie! Charlie!" during the trophy ceremonies on the field. Players partied with the fans, spraying champagne into the crowd in addition to their clubhouse celebration.

On the 29th anniversary of their first World Series title, the Phillies became the first NL team to win consecutive pennants since the Atlanta Braves did it 13 years ago.

"Big games call for big times," Werth said. "Hopefully, we can keep it going. We've got four more games to win."

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SPORTS DIGEST

Bo Lustig returns to state finals

Belle Vernon Area junior Bo Lustig will be in the PIAA golf finals again this year. Lustig, however, won't be playing at the Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York Monday and Tuesday as the defending West Regional champ.

Lustig had to settle for a six-way tie for fourth place in the West Region qualifier Wednesday at Tom's Run Golf Club in Blairsville.

Lustig shot a two-over par 74, two strokes behind Indiana's Colton Wiggins, who took medalist honors.

Latrobe's Ben Gjebre and Tyrone's Jim Ferguson tied for second at 73.

Deadlocked with Lustig were Central Mountain's Evan Helbley, Erie Cathedral Prep's Greg Podufal, Grove City's Ryan Prokay, Erie McDowell's Austin Romeo and Elk County Catholic's Darren Simons.

Lustig, who opened on the seventh hole in a shotgun start, had nines of 40 and 34.

He had four birdies and three bogeys, including a triple bogey 7 on No. 3 (fourth to last hole) which prevented him from taking medalist honors.

Matty resigns as Rams' softball coach

Ringgold High is in the market for a new softball coach.

Jeff Matty, the Finley Middle School principal, has stepped down after guiding the Lady Rams for four years.

Meanwhile, the following winter coaches were hired at Wednesday's school board meeting with their salaries:

■ Swimming — Raylene Klinger, head coach, $3,008.40.

■ Wrestling — Matt Smith, first varsity assistant, $2,963.10; Luke Smith, second varsity assistant, $2,890.65; Matt Multunas, head junior high, $1,653.15; Ron Curran, junior high assistant, $1,453,33; Josh Ritter, Volunteer assistant.

■ Girls' basketball — Lonnie Ward, first assistant, $3,949.05; Jim Prusak, eighth grade, $1,936.40; Rick Demedio, seventh grade, $2,256.

■ Boys' basketball — Dan Traficante, first varsity assistant, $3,873.83; Nate Forse, second varsity assistant, $3,551.44; Eric James, ninth grade, $2,632.35; Lamont Lyons, eighth grade, $1,974; Rodney Taylor, seventh grade, $1,880.

■ Indoor track — Jen McMichael, coach, $1,100.

Charleroi gridders finish unbeaten

Charleroi Middle School's football team finished 7-0 after blanking Fort Cherry, 14-0, in a battle of unbeatens Wednesday.

Charleroi cage registrations set

Charleroi basketball registrations for boys (fifth through seventh grades) and girls (fourth through eighth grades) are scheduled for Saturday (9 to 11 a.m.) and Monday (7 to 9 p.m.) at the Charleroi High gym.

Fees will be $40 per player, which includes a uniform (jersey and shorts).

Those with questions should contact Jim Short or Matt Kurowsky.

There will be no in-house league this season. All teams, by grade, will be entered in the METRO Travel League.

BVA booters top Canon-McMillan

Belle Vernon Area Junior High's soccer team upped its record to 16-1 with a 3-1 win over Canon-McMillan.

David Wurmlinger led the Little Leps with two goals, with Josh Page getting the other score. BVA hosts once-beaten Chartiers Valley Friday at 4 p.m.

Charleroi cagers stay unbeaten

In a battle of unbeaten teams, Charleroi Middle School's basketballers edged Montour, 28-26.

Jordan Swarmer (10) and Anjie Tilghman (8) combined for 18 points for the Little Lady Cougars (15-0).

Phillips takes leave of absence

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — ESPN baseball analyst Steve Phillips acknowledged having an affair with an assistant at the cable network and has taken a leave of absence during the playoffs.

Phillips said in a statement released by ESPN that he requested the leave "to address this with my family and to avoid any unnecessary distractions through the balance of the baseball playoffs."

Trivia answer

Joe Kapp in 1969.

FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Friday

■ Grilled steak or grilled chicken salad scholarship fundraiser, sponsored by Monessen Rostraver Rotary, Monessen Middle/High School cafeteria, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Living Well Through the Seasons, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ ARC Mon Valley Video Night, Speers Borough Building, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Showboat, Charleroi Area High School auditorium, 7 p.m.

■ Workshop-conference, "Journey to Learn: Making Connections," California University Performance Center, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Al-Anon meeting, United Methodist Church, Belle Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Pancake, sausage breakfast planned

The Charleroi Knights of Columbus will host a pancake and sausage breakfast and bake sale 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Marian Hall of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Seventh Street and Washington Avenue, Charleroi. Tickets will be sold at the door; walk-ins are welcome. For takeouts, call (724) 483-2455. Knights of Columbus members are asked to donate baked goods, give a monetary donation or volunteer their time. For information, call Lloyd at (724) 483-2347 or Tom at (724) 489-9378.

Legion auxiliary to meet Monday

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 22 of Charleroi will meet 7 p.m. Monday at the post. Master Sergeant Deborah J. Krall, of the 171st Refueling National Guard Air Force Reserve Unit, will be guest speaker. Members are asked to bring the deployment bags that were distributed at the last meeting.

Washington Twp. seniors to meet

The Washington Township Area Senior Citizens will meet 7 p.m. Monday at the Center on the Hill.

BVA School Board to meet

The Belle Vernon Area School Board will hold an agenda meeting 7 p.m. and regular meeting 8 p.m. Monday at Bellmar Middle School.

Pumpkin Patch planned at W&J

The Pi Beta Phi Sorority will hold its annual Pumpkin Patch 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Washington & Jefferson campus, Chestnut Street in Washington. The event allows families to pick a pumpkin while taking part in speed reads, coloring, story time and other fun activities. Donations can be made to the Pi Beta Phi Foundation, an organization that funds scholarships and literacy initiatives locally and across the nation.

Valley Seniors Club to meet

Members of the Valley Seniors Club will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Place, Charleroi.

Rivers Casino trip offered

Those attending the Charleroi Goldenagers' sponsored Oct. 28 motorcoach trip to Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, are reminded that departure will be at 11 a.m. in Charleroi. For information, call Sam at (724) 489-9486.

Spaghetti dinner set in Monessen

The Monessen High School Football Parents will sponsor a spaghetti dinner. Tickets can be used the entire month of November at Felicia's Restaurant and Lounge, 450 Schoonmaker Ave. Tickets are good for eat in or takeout. See any high school football parent or contact Val. Deadline is Oct. 29.

Meadows trip set

The Donora Senior Center is sponsoring a Meadows Casino trip Nov. 10. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. For information, call (724) 319-6446.

Trick or Treat stickers provided

Trick or Treating in North Charleroi will be held 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29 and is limited to children up to 12 years of age who are residents of North Charleroi Borough. Each child must have a sticker as proof of these requirements. Stickers will be given out at the Lock 4 Fire Company annex 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 26 and 28.

REUNIONS

In the first row, from left, are Charlene Sustrik Skriba, Matt Miller, Melrose Matola DiRito, Fay Morton Romano, Etta Ames Kokoska, Paul Sgnurla, Bill Johnson and Joe DeBlassio; second row, Joe Rohaley, Bob Duvall, Rosemary Flanagan Fiorill, Beverly Butkevich Barish, Dolores Watson Colditz, Jim Webb, Barbara Scursatone Martinelli, Connie Fidell Horton, Diana Westcoat Irwin, Mariem Volthofer Quackenbush, Bernadette Zella Shanefelter, Naomi Russell Rymer, Anna Louise Sedlak Charlton, Kaye Deems Mowrey, Charlotte Sabo Dean, Jack Reilly, Gloria Petrosky Raitano, Richard Morris, Ruth Ann Sisley Marier, Barbara Grimes Nicolaus and Gerry Otto; third row, Jim Zanardelli, Ken Folle, Jim Riggs, Jim Charlton, Joe Sapko, Harry Wright, George Matty.

California Area High School Class of 1959

California Area High School Class of 1959 held its 50-year class reunion Aug. 1 at Seven Springs Resort. The reunion was held in honor of Marlene Dubois Anderson, who was unable to attend because of health reasons.

A social hour was held followed by the taking of the class photo. Each class member received a class picture plus a gold letter opener. The tables were decorated with burgundy and gold balloons.

The invocation was given by Charlene Skriba followed by lighting of burgundy and gold candles in remembrance of 22 deceased classmates. Ken Folle, class president, welcomed the class members followed by a prime rib buffet. Masters of ceremonies were Folle and Joe DeBlassio. They reminisced of the past and gold stories of high school days.

Jamie Harris, an Elvis impersonator, performed a program followed by dancing to oldies music provided by Jamie Harris the deejay.

The reunion committee consisted of Folle, John Bennett, Joe DeBlassio, Barbara Grimes Nicolaus, Melrose Matola DiRito, Charlotte Sabo Dean, Ruth Ann Sisley Marier, Kaye Mowrey Deems, and Charlene Sustrik Skriba.

Classmates attended from Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C. and various Pennsylvania cities.

ODDS & ENDS

9 lives per gallon?

NEW YORK (AP) — A cat who rode two miles through New York City while stuck in the engine compartment of an SUV has lived to meow about it.

Wilfred Rodriguez heard rattling while he was driving Monday in the Bronx.

After he parked, he spotted a bushy tail and a paw sticking out of the SUV's front end.

His initial reaction: "Oh my God! I killed a cat!"

He was relieved when the paw moved.

Detectives with the New York Police Department's Emergency Service Unit freed the grease-covered kitty by removing the SUV's battery and other vehicle parts.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: V equals F

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "If you want to see an endangered species, get up and look in the mirror." - Former Apollo astronaut John Young

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Earhart 'hair' just thread

CLEVELAND (AP) — A Cleveland museum has learned that what it thought was a lock of hair from Amelia Earhart is just thread.

A group looking for DNA evidence of the pioneer aviator on a Pacific island recently asked the International Women's Air and Space Museum for a sample of the "hair" for comparison. Museum executive director Toni Mullee says an analysis determined the specimen was thread that looked like hair.

Mullee says the museum acquired the artifact 20 years ago from the Smithsonian Institution.

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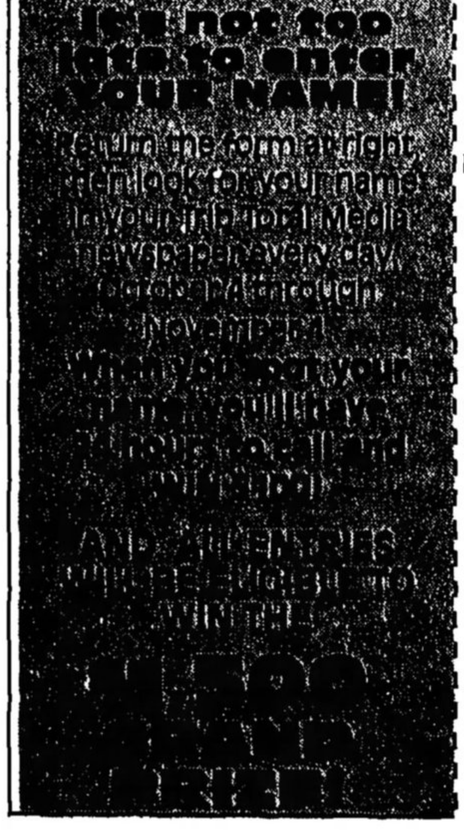

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VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Athene Club, Charleroi

The Athene Club met Oct. 9 at the Charleroi Elks Club. President Joan McCloskey opened the meeting with a welcome to members and an autumn reading in keeping with the Celebrate Everything theme for the year. First Vice President Ruth Corrin led the flag salute and followed by the club collect.

Secretary Gerry Byron read the minutes and Aleta Keating, in the absence of Treasurer Sally Santini, gave the treasurer's report. McCloskey announced October members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. She read correspondence in the absence of Chairwoman Ruth Karlowsky, including updates from Team Charleroi on upcoming year-end events. Fine Arts Chairwoman Carol Nelan provided community activity information for the various entertainment and civic programs forthcoming.

Mary Lou Mudrick, program chairwoman, introduced guest speaker John Rock, recently retired lieutenant of the Pennsylvania State Police. Rock, with 25 years of service, was one of the first responders to the Flight 93 crash in Somerset County. Having served in various positions including patrol trooper, criminal investigator and supervisor, he presented a comprehensive program on safety for women both inside and outside of the home. He provided many scenarios that require constant vigilance and attention in the world today.

Lois Hawe announced the Christmas luncheon will be held at the Back Porch Dec. 11 and requested responses.

Hostesses for the social hour were Jean Roberts, Mary Elizabeth Roberts, Lois Robb and Bonnie Daylong. Halloween favors and fall flowers adorned the tables.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 13 at the Charleroi Elks Club.

NEWS

Monessen City Council

Civic Center Authority board changes made

One councilman is still questioning the authority's financial operations.

By STACY WOLFORD
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MONESSEN – A longtime Civic Center Authority board member got booted from his position, while two newcomers will come on board.

But the decision to vote on appointments to the Monessen Civic Center Authority didn't come without controversy, as Councilman John Harhai is still questioning the financial operations of the board.

During a Wednesday council meeting, Mayor Anthony Petaccia and Councilman Josh Retos voted to reappoint authority member Warren Wheeler and voted for newcomers Chad Carroto and Jamie Reader, who both submitted letters of interest.

They will join Mark Mizerak, Eugene Sedlak, Lonnie Scott and Lee Johnson on the board. Board member Cameron Madison resigned to accept the paid job as director of the Civic Center. Madison replaces Mike Doppelheuer, who resigned May 21.

Longtime member Carl DeiCas, who was chairman of the board, was not reappointed, despite the mayor's support. The mayor's motion to reappoint DeiCas failed for lack of a second. Both DeiCas and Wheeler's terms expired last year.

Harhai opposed all of the appointments because of his concern about the authority's financial management. Councilmen Wayne Doptis and Jeff Gagatko were absent.

Harhai started raising concerns in February about the authority's financial records and bookkeeping practices. He claims the auditor missed $18,000 that is missing and that people were getting paid under the table at Civic Center events.

"It's not that I agree or disagree with any of these people," Harhai said. "I don't feel we should be voting for anybody until we straighten out what's going on with that board."

Petaccia said he met with the auditor, who found no deficiencies in the report.

Harhai was against giving the authority its $4,000 annual allocation and requested a forensic audit, which was not supported by the rest of council. He questioned why the authority can't pay for its new audit report.

"They haven't had an employed director since May. Yet they have no money to pay for the audit report. What's going on?" Harhai said.

Retos said that while he "99 percent" agrees with Harhai, he feels they need to move the authority forward by voting for new members.

"This gives us the opportunity to put new people in and put the ship in a new direction," Retos said.

Petaccia continued to support the authority.

"We wrote them a letter, they sent you 90 pages of information. The auditor can't indicate where any money is missing," Petaccia said. "Were they doing a couple things wrong - yeah. But all I can say is, it's good for the kids. So I say let's get it running the right way so the kids have something to do."

In other business, council announced and approved the following:

■ The Halloween parade will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 29. Trick or treat will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Leaf collection will begin on Monday through Dec. 4. Residents are to keep the leaves separate from their regular garbage, but put it out on their scheduled garbage pick-up day.

■ Agreed to purchase a 1997 bucket utility truck for $6,950 for the streets department. Harhai and Retos approved the purchase. Petaccia voted against it, saying the city can borrow Donora's bucket truck when it's needed.

■ Harhai announced that the Herman Mihalich Boat Launch is closing for the winter this weekend. The restrooms are also closing.

Mayor reveals ideas for post-Petaccia era

The public official will leave office at the end of the year.

By STACY WOLFORD
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MONESSEN – Even though he will leave office in a few months, Mayor Anthony Petaccia says he will continue to care about his hometown.

He predicted future administrations will have tough decisions to make if the city is going to survive.

The mayor revealed his "city plan" during Wednesday's council meeting. Based on the eight years he has served as a councilman and mayor, it includes a list of potential future decisions for the city.

Petaccia did not seek a second term as mayor because his job with the state Department of Revenue is partially supported by federal dollars.

Under federal law, he is not allowed to hold public office.

In the primary election, former Councilwoman Mary Jo Smith defeated Councilman Wayne Doptis for the Democratic nomination for mayor. Smith faces no opposition on the ballot during next month's general election.

"I think some of these things may need to happen down the road," Petaccia said of his plan.

His plan comprises:

■ Merging the two city fire departments. "I love the first-responders. They do a tremendous job. But let's face reality, somewhere down the line we may face a merger."

■ Cutting financial ties with the Civic Center Authority and Monessen Public Library and District Center. Petaccia said its becoming increasingly difficult to continue giving both entities annual allocations.

■ Streamlining expenses through attrition. He said council will have to think about not replacing employees who retire or quit.

■ Make the health center properties profitable. The mayor said city offices must quickly be moved from the municipal building to the health center annex so the city can focus on making the properties more profitable.

■ Changes in the code enforcement office. Petaccia said the state is pushing the city to hire a third party administrator to enforce the Uniform Construction Codes because neither of the city's two code enforcement officers are certified. The mayor said a third party UCC inspector would take 70 percent of the fees generated.

■ The city needs to generate new income sources and continue to seek grants.

"They are going to have some challenges. But we have to work together if we're going to make it work," Petaccia said. "I live in this city and I am raising a family here. I want to see Monessen be successful."

His colleagues congratulated Petaccia last night for receiving a "Distinguished Public Service" award from Harrisburg Mayor Steven R. Reed and the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities.

'Bonusgate' probe looks at GOP

Ex-House Speaker John Perzel, aides reportedly invited to appear before grand jury.

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG — A prominent Republican state representative, his former chief of staff and others have been offered the chance to testify next week before a grand jury investigating whether state resources and workers were used on campaigns or for other improper purposes, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

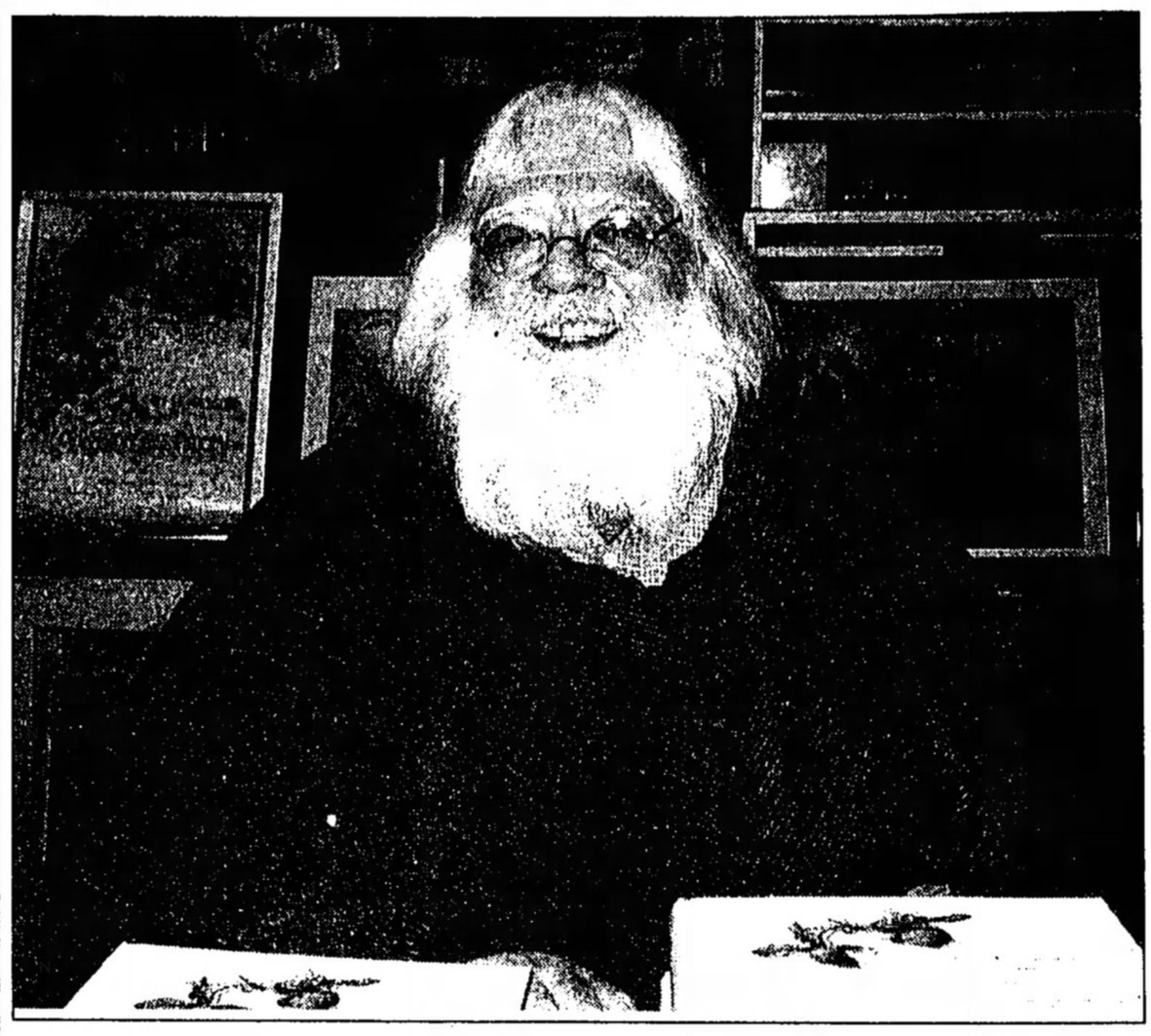
The Philadelphia Inquirer, citing two unnamed lawyers involved in the case, said Rep. John M. Perzel of Philadelphia, his former chief of staff Brian Preski and others connected to the House Republican caucus were invited to appear Monday before the investigative grand jury.

The newspaper said letters sent to Perzel, Preski and others by the attorney general's office described such testimony as voluntary and that they did not include an offer of immunity.

Perzel, a former speaker of the House, has been deeply involved in his caucus' campaign efforts. He was voted out as speaker in 2007 after Democrats gained majority status in the chamber.

Preski currently practices law in Philadelphia.

Perzel's lawyer, Walter Cohen, said he would not comment on matters related to the grand jury because of secrecy. Neither Perzel nor Preski responded to telephone messages.



Colleen Pollock/For The Valley Independent

Carl F. Lander Jr., a printer and artist from West Newton, poses with copies of his new book, "Builders of a Country 1706-1806." The 374-page hardback pays tribute to builders involved in southwestern Pennsylvania's history and the country's westward expansion.

West Newton printer/artist develops historical book about colonial period here

Carl F. Lander Jr.'s product looks at regions' role in nation's westward expansion.

By COLLEEN POLLOCK
For The Valley Independent

WEST NEWTON – A local printer's private collection of historical writings, oil paintings, prints and artifacts has transformed into a book that looks at people and events in colonial southwestern Pennsylvania involved in the building of our nation.

Three years after what was intended to be a small program booklet, Carl F. Lander Jr. has finished compiling "Builders of a Country 1706-1806," a 374-page hardback book illustrated with hundreds of historic reproductions of woodcuts, authentic steel engravings, lithographs and etchings, depicting historical facts, colonial maps, music scores and more. It pays tribute to builders involved in southwestern Pennsylvania's history and the country's westward expansion.

The finished work is hot off the presses.

"Builders of a Country" is a pictorial look at events Lander had planned to feature at the grand opening of a colonial print shop museum in West Newton a few years ago.

While the museum project was put on hold for various reasons, Lander turned to work on a book related to those events, including the 300th birthday celebration of Benjamin Franklin, the 275th anniversary of the Founding of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, the 250th celebration of the French and Indian War and the 200th commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery.

"In 2006, my Pennsylvania Masons magazine arrived and it noted it was Benjamin Franklin's 300th anniversary of his birth," said Lander, a longtime member of the F&AM.

"He is probably the most famous Mason in the world. And then this 275th anniversary of the Masonic Fraternity in Pennsylvania and the list of other historic celebrations, my small book started taking on a life of its own."

"Since I'm a printer, that tied Ben Franklin into this book and since I'm a Mason that was another tie in. It's easy to tie George Washington into this area historically because he was all over southwestern Pennsylvania, but I wasn't sure how Franklin fit in that respect," said Lander.

"But as I did research, I discovered that he financed (Gen. Edward) Braddock's 1755 march from Virginia to Pittsburgh."

William Lewis and Meriwether Clark were connected locally because they had their keelboat built at the Walker Boat Yard in Elizabeth, said Lander, who was involved in a re-enactment of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

"The Pennsylvania Masons easily warranted into the area historically," said Lander.

"So as I started doing research, this thing just grew and grew and grew," he added.

"As I read through book after book, I never left my print shop. I found maps that add so much character. I never had to leave my own library to do any research on this. I never had to leave my shop for any of the illustrations."

Lander was given permission for a one-time use of the colorful reproductions of oil paintings by historical artist Mort Kunstler that appear on the book's front and back cover. On the front, "We the People...1787" features Franklin and James Madison in Franklin's office examining a copy of the U.S. Constitution fresh off the press. On the back, Madison is shown outside the office of The Daily Advertiser, discussing with local citizens the first printing of the new Bill of Rights.

Lander said the book's original artwork is all done by friends and each is named in the book. "For artists who are living or have passed away, I think it's important to recognize them because good artwork makes a huge difference," said Lander.

Major historical sections also include the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the first American Flag, the writing of the Stars Spangled Banner, the framing of the Constitution, the ringing of the Liberty Bell, the invention of the first printing press, and much more.

Prints of interest include the house in Philadelphia where the first "Stars and Stripes" was made, the Bible furnished by St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 1 on which Washington took the oath of office, delegates signing the Articles of Confederation, Franklin's first day in Philadelphia and the ambush of Braddock's army.

"We blew up a lot of prints because I like detail," said Lander. "In one print we found a canoe in the river, a covered wagon and a man climbing a hill. I am so pleased with the detail we were able to keep on everything. I found maps that add so much character."

Lander is owner of Creative Graphics by Lander in West Newton.

After graduating from California State University in 1961, Lander taught graphic arts in New Jersey, where his students won 76 state printing awards in four years and 26 international printing awards in three years.

He is a past master of the F&AM McKeesport Lodge and serves as an elder of the Presbyterian Church USA.

In 1996, Lander compiled a softback book titled "Sharing Traditions" while an artist in residence at Sloan Elementary School in the Franklin Regional School District.

Lander opened the local print shop in 1966.

"I've always done artwork, but it's hard to make a living as an artist. I saw when I did printing that you can take a piece of paper and turn it into a piece of artwork," said Lander.

"Printing has been my love and this book is beyond the wildest thing I thought I would ever do."

"Builders of a Country 1706-1806" is published by Word Association Publishers.

Lander will hold a book signing at Westmoreland County Historical Society in Greensburg and the Overholt Museum in Scottdale this fall and at the Pittsburgh Presbytery Research Library on the city's North Side on Nov. 18. Each copy will be numbered and include a set of commemorative Ben Franklin stamps.

To purchase a copy, contact Lander at (724) 872-7448 or email ruthandcarl@verizon.net

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William E. Blower,
Administrator
306 Brownsville Road
Fayette City, PA 15438
10/22,29;11/5

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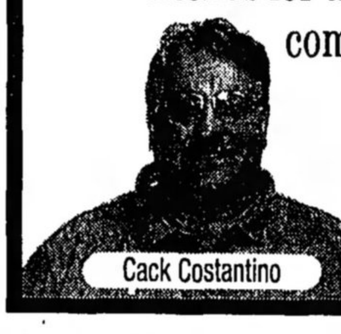
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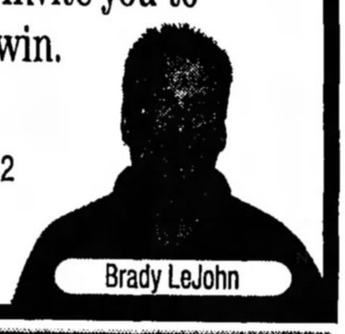
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Persico, Julia
EXECUTOR NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the estate of JULIA PERSICO
Court Term No. 65-08-02031, late of City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pa. deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and to those having claims against the estate to present them for settlement without delay to

Executrix: Renee Hardek
4392 Old Wm.
Perry Hgwy.
Monroeville, PA 15146

Albert C. Gaudio
Attorney for Estate
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
10/8,15,22

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All bids must be submitted as ONE ORIGINAL + THREE COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

The above request for proposal may be obtained from the Washington County website at: http://www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bid proposals from web site are responsible for obtaining changes from web site.

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LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

Although your financial prospects in the year ahead look better than last year, you still need to be careful about taking on any long-term obligations dependent on your making the big bucks.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- If your plans are to go to a place where you could run into someone you would like to impress, spend a little time primping beforehand. Appearances are important.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- Don't make a promise that you can't keep merely to quiet someone's pleas. This person will base his or her plans on you and fail miserably if you don't come through.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- Make sure that your thoughtful gestures aren't over the line, because you could place someone in a position where the reciprocation will be far too expensive for him or her.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- You may not like it, but people will be paying close attention to the smallest details -- so watch what you say, what you do and how you look. That bright spotlight will be shining on you.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- If you have the impression that you can achieve your aims through sheer flattery, you'll be greatly mistaken. In order to deal effectively with others, sincerity is essential.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- Be more careful than usual that you don't become involved in a romantic intrigue. Give a wide berth to anyone who is off-limits, because this kind of behavior will cause severe complications.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- Those who promise the most are likely to be the first ones to let you down or do the least. It's best to be prepared to operate on your own, especially if the support you desire isn't forthcoming.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- Your responsibilities cannot be rationalized away, so roll up your sleeves and get to work early; otherwise, you'll only waste valuable time devising elaborate excuses.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- Be extremely careful not to become overly possessive of the one you cherish. Romance is smothered under that kind of weight; it needs lots of room to breathe and grow at its own pace.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- There is a strong possibility that you could make some extremely unwise concessions, all in the hopes of appeasing someone you love. Unfortunately, that will only worsen matters further.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- Don't expect verbal promises to count for too much. If you are having some work done, get a service contract just to be sure that you get everything you expect.

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Your extravagant impulses could be rather pronounced, so unless you don't care, be cognizant of your weakness and keep a handle on it. Don't spend more than you can afford.

Seniors set for 'Showboat'

Twenty-third annual musical extravaganza happens this weekend.

By STACY WOLFORD
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The annual "Showboat" is set to sail this weekend as Mon Valley senior citizens will dance, sing and perform for a good cause.

The 23rd annual variety show is called "On Top of the World with Showboat," and is being sponsored by the site committee of the Monongahela Senior Community Center.

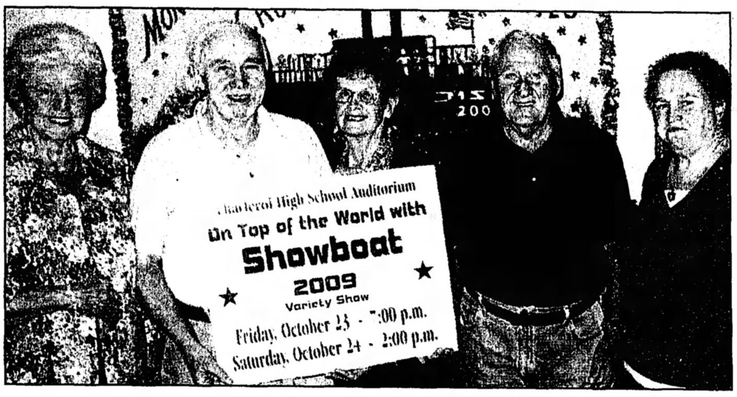
Proceeds will benefit the Home Delivered Meals program in the Mon Valley, a program of Diversified Human Services Inc.

Show director/producer Betty Frick said $7,000 was raised last year for the program and hopes are high for another successful year.

"We have a lot of exciting numbers with some amazingly talented people," said Frick said, who also serves as choral director.

Show times are 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Charleroi Area High School auditorium. Tickets are $6. Before Friday's show, there will be a spaghetti dinner at 5 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the dinner are $5.

Frick said the cast members range in age from 50 to the late 80s. Several of the oldest members are line dancers who know how to "strut their stuff," she said.



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Preparing for the annual Mon Valley senior citizens "Showboat" extravaganza are, from left, steering committee members Betty Frick, director/producer/choral director; John Cheroki, production manager assistant/stage director; Lois Phillips, music and production coordinator/stage director/production manager assistant and pianist; Harvey Dunmeyer and Sis Gray.

The steering committee began planning the show in May and the cast began rehearsing in June. They met every Monday over the summer and fall.

This year's show will feature several families performing together.

Rena and Bob Altamare are original cast members. This year, Rena will sing with their two granddaughters, Savannah and Reonna Cuevas. Making it a complete family affair, the Altamare's daughter, Rona Crow, is in charge of makeup.

Harvey Dunmeyer, son of Gary Dunmeyer and son-in-law of Tim Janitor, will be singing and dancing together.

Choreographer Russ Welsh and wife Marie will be dancing a waltz: Russ will also be line dancing and singing, and serving as production manager. His mother, Marion Souders, is in the chorus and will be featured with the men's chorus.

Frick's husband, Alvin, is head of the stage crew. She started 12 years ago as a member of the "Goodtime Singers and Players," who performed for many years with "Showboat." She has been director of "Showboat" for several years.

Pianists for the show are Lois Phillips, Elizabeth Ann Caldwell and Frick. Both Phillips and Frick are also music and production coordinators.

Phillips and Shirley Neill are in charge of wardrobe. John Cheroki is stage and production assistant. Violinist is Nancy McCathren, who is also a member of the Westmoreland County Community College Orchestra.

Stage directors are Russell Welsh, Phillips and Cheroki. Welsh is also a choreographer.

Site committee members are Mona Antonelli, Sis Gray, Molly Kotecki, Charlotte Rodriguez, Peggy Savadeck and Monongahela Senior Center Specialist Alice Grimes.

Steering committee members are Frick, Phillips, Russell Welsh, Dunmeyer, Cheroki, the Altamares, Gray and Grimes.

The cast members performing are the Altamares and their granddaughters, Carol Anden, Caldwell, Cheroki, Gary and Harvey Dunmeyer, Mike Ferrer, the Fricks, Marie Gardner, Gray, Julia Gricar, Lois Hudock, Janitor, Becky Johnson, Lee Koch, McCathren, Neill, Phillips, Savadeck, Marion Souders, Frances Vavasori, Marge Vlasic, Tom Welch, Marie and Russ Welsh.

The Debonairs consists of Carl Massini, Jim Pepe and Ron Olson.

Act 1 will feature show tunes such as "All that Jazz" and crowd favorites "YMCA" and "Danny Boy."

Act two will feature Christmas songs.

Greeters and ticket sellers for the events are Alvina Cialone, Donna Hruby, Ida Panseri, Molly Kotecki and Donna Wiley.

A host of other volunteers helped with the promotion of the event.

Tickets can be purchased at the Monongahela, Donora, Charleroi, Perryopolis and Center on the Hill senior centers. Tickets can also be bought at the door.

For more information, call 1-800-803-6625.

Beware of the Werewolf

Hybrid band puts emphasis on fun.

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Halloween revelers beware, "Gene the Werewolf" is on the prowl.

Sporting a beard, sunglasses and a vintage white suit strait out of the 1970s, Gene — who is actually Jon Belan from the band Punchline — decided that it is time to put the "fun" back into the Pittsburgh rock n' roll scene.

The Belle Vernon rocker formed Gene the Werewolf in early 2007 and the band debuted its first album, "Light Me Up," Tuesday.

The band will perform Friday on the Gateway Clipper with The Clarks for an over 21 show.

On Saturday, the band will host its CD release party at the Diesel Club Lounge on Pittsburgh's South Side for an all-ages show.

The band consists of a "super-group" of musicians from local bands, including Punchline, The Berlin Project and Clearview Kills — guitarist Drew Donegan, keyboardist Aaron Mediate, bassist Tim Schultz, all from Pittsburgh, and drummer Nick Revak, of Belle Vernon.

Belan said "Gene" is his stage persona — a wild and crazy guy who has been known to howl and always refers to himself in the third person.

"The best way I can describe it to people is repeating what Henry Winkler once said: 'It's so fun to be The Fonz,'" Belan said. "Gene is this cocky, fun guy who is the life of the party, totally the opposite of me."

Belan, who spent the past three years touring with Punchline, says he is thrilled about his new project, describing their music as "party rock."

"We're having a blast," he said. "We want people to leave our show saying how much fun they had, too."

Though the band has only been together for a few years, they have collectively played music and toured all over the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Japan for more than a decade.

Belan and Revak have been performing together for nearly 15 years.

"The concept of this band is that people can go out to a rock show and have fun like they used to before the scene became all about hot dudes with tight abs and no talent being in the spotlight," Belan said.

"Gene" describes the album as "one half Kiss, one half The Darkness, and one half Foo Fighters."

"Yes, we know that makes three halves," he said. "But we don't care, that's how we do things around here!" Gene says on the band's Web site.

Last year, the band recorded its first full-length album, "Light Me Up," at Innovation Studios in Steubenville, Ohio, with producer Jamie Woolford (The Gin Blossoms, Let Go, and The A.K.A.s). Woolford traveled from his home in Tempe, Ariz., to work with the group in Ohio.

The band started creating buzz on the music scene about a year ago, selling out small clubs and eventually packing large venues. Last year, the band played at the annual Pittsburgh Homegrown Hoo Ha festival, which brought more than 12,000 in attendance.

The band has sold 3,000 copies of a two-song sampler at its live shows. To correspond with the release, the band shot a video for its song "Superhero" with Pittsburgh director Thom Glunt (Anti-Flag, Driver Side Impact).

Belan says he feels lucky that he's been able to pursue his passion for music for more than a decade. And while the band believes music should be fun, it is serious about becoming successful.

"I'm 32 now and I've been doing this since I was 17 and I'm still doing what I love," he said. "When we get up on stage and Gene takes over, it's the best time."

After all, werewolves only howl at night.

Members of Gene the Werewolf are, from left, Drew Donegan, guitar; Gene (Jon Belan,) vocals/guitar; Aaron Mediate, keyboards; Nick Revak, drums; and Tim Schultz, bass.

Tickets for the Saturday show at the Diesel Club Lounge are $10 at the door, or $12 in advance. For tickets, go to www.ticketmaster.com or call (412) 323-1919. All paying patrons will receive a free copy of the band's album, "Light me Up."

For more information about Gene the Werewolf, go to www.genethewerewolf.com or www.myspace.com/genethewerewolf.

King e-book to cost $35

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest weapon in the publishing price wars: Stephen King.

Scribner announced Wednesday that the digital edition of King's "Under the Dome," a 1,000-plus page novel, would have a list price of $35, several dollars higher than for what e-books usually are listed. Amazon.com and other online retailers have been offering best-selling e-editions for $9.99, which publishers fear is unrealistically low.

"Given the current state of the marketplace and trends in digital book pricing, we believe that this is the most appropriate publishing sequence for this particular 1088 page work of fiction," said spokesman Adam Rothberg of Scribner's parent company, Simon & Schuster.

Amazon.com and others already have been losing money by offering such deep discounts and presumably would lose even more if they sold King's for $9.99.

In another shot at the e-market, King's e-book will not be released until Dec. 24, virtually the end of the holiday season and a month after the hardcover. E-books already have been delayed for Sen. Edward Kennedy's "True Compass" and Sarah Palin's "Going Rogue" as publishers try to prevent the cheaper digital editions from taking sales from hardcovers, which, until recently, cost more.

Thanks to an online price war among Target.com, Amazon and Walmart.com, the hardcover for "Under the Dome," "Going Rogue" and other popular November releases can be pre-ordered for $9 or less, a strong source of concern among publishers and independent booksellers, who cannot afford to charge so little.

Nightmare at Station Square

"Supercuts Presents the Nightmare at Station Scare" is at the Amphitheatre at Station Square, Pittsburgh. Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. tonight through Sunday and Oct. 22-25 and 29-31. Admission is $15. VIP tickets cost $20 and include front of the line privileges, hot dog and drink. For more information, go to www.ampstation-square.com.

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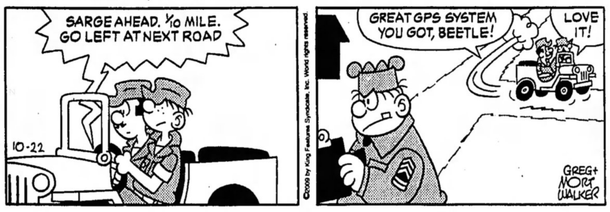

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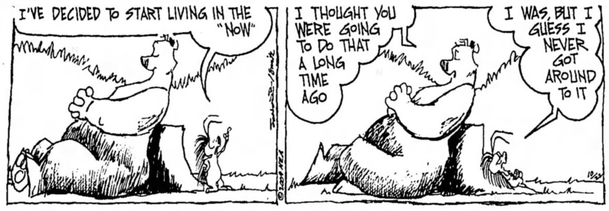
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I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DO THAT A LONG TIME AGO
I WAS, BUT I GUESS I NEVER GOT AROUND TO IT

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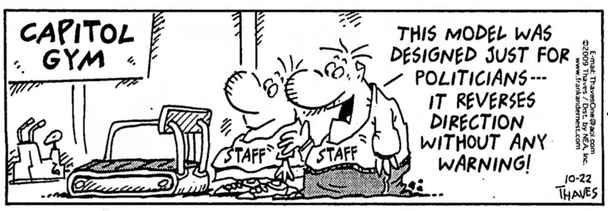

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...PRESIDENTIAL?
YES!
PERHAPS BEING A CLASS OFFICER WILL CHANGE HOW YOU...
OOP. GOTTA GO. I'VE GOT DETENTION.

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I TRIED TO GET OUT OF GOING OUT TONIGHT, BUT RAY SAID I WAS TOO INVOLVED TO CHANGE MY MIND NOW!
WE NEED THE MONEY, BOB, BUT POACHING IS NOT THE WAY TO GET IT!
I KNOW THAT, HONEY, BUT WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE?... THIS IS GOING TO BE THE LAST TIME...I'LL GET OUT SOME WAY!
JACK ELROD
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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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ACROSS

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6 Valentine
11 Creeping plants
12 Happen
13 Vises
15 Cave
16 Darth Vader's real name
18 Retiring
19 A long way off
21 Stock on hand
22 Garden hose crimp
23 Perjured
25 Regal emblem
28 — -craftsy
30 Part of TNT
31 Travel word
32 Luau welcome
33 Libras' mo.
35 Technical details
37 PC key
38 Build an appetite
40 Clumsy boats
41 Hurler's stat
42 — now or never!
43 Make a decision
46 Ziti and linguine
48 Nutty confection
50 Morose
54 Not rural
55 Groovy
56 Licks an envelope
57 Entered data

DOWN

1 Newer pipes
2 Feel under par
3 Double helix
4 Mentions
5 Sports channel
6 Fearsome cape
7 Kind of system
8 Goes on stage
9 Funny — Buzzi
10 Where Priam ruled
14 Ride a windjammer
15 Philanthropist
17 Sock makers
19 Pink-slips
20 Silly trick
22 Cabbage cousin
24 Put down, slangily
25 Con spicuous
26 Cords of firewood
27 Low voice
29 Zippy's word
34 Swindle
36 Tie print
39 Does lacework
43 Burdensome thing
44 Sponge feature
45 Band instrument
46 Gives a negative review
47 First cousin's mom
49 Hoedown honey
51 Splash against
52 Hot time in Quebec
53 Start to doze off

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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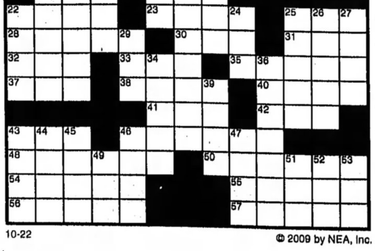

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TV LISTINGS

Workers must speak with one voice about disruptive woman

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I work in a call center with 35 other workers.

Recently our supervisor hired a woman who is mentally ill.

We acknowledge that she has a right to work and, for the most part, she appears to be capable.

The problem is she hears "voices" speaking to her and often responds to them.

Other times she "hears" co-workers seated behind her plotting to kill her, which, of course, is not true.

She disrupts those around her by constantly asking if they can hear what others are saying about her and what she should do about it.

We have spoken to our supervisor about our concerns.

His answer is, "Just be quiet and it will be OK."

We don't dislike her — in fact, we're sympathetic — but we resent the position we have been placed in.

None of us have been trained to deal with mental health issues.

Have you any suggestions on how to handle this? — **UNEASY IN OHIO**

DEAR UNEASY: Your supervisor is mistaken.

Just being quiet is not the answer because the voices the woman is hearing are in her head. She's acting this way because she has gone off her medication.

This may be a workplace safety issue.

Therefore, you and your co-workers must insist that the supervisor take action to ensure that she's not posing a threat to all of you.

DEAR ABBY: Would it be inappropriate or tacky if I had a mother/daughter dance at my daughter's wedding?

I know it's a father/daughter tradition, and my husband will obviously have his dance with her, but I'd like to have a shot at it, too.

My reason is purely selfish.

Having lost my son two years ago, I will never experience the mother/son dance we were supposed to share at his wedding the year he died.

Is this crazy?

Horribly inappropriate?

Am I being too selfish? — **SENTIMENTAL IN YONKERS**

DEAR SENTIMENTAL: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your son.

The mother/daughter dance is something you need to discuss with your daughter and her fiance.

What you have in mind is unusual.

However, it would be selfish only if you were to pressure your daughter into it over her objections.

DEAR ABBY: I am extremely thin and have struggled for years with eating disorders and an unhealthy relationship with food.

It's difficult for me to go out with family and friends because everyone watches me — from what I order to how much I consume — and comments on it. If they decide I haven't eaten enough, they make hurtful comments about my weight.

What I need people to understand is that it is just as hurtful to make fun of someone who is thin by calling him names such as "Stick" or "Bean Pole" as it is to mock a fat person.

Some of us are thin because we are ill, whether it is physically or emotionally. Making fun of us is tasteless, hurtful and unhelpful. — **ROBERT IN N.Y.C.**

DEAR ROBERT: I'm glad you wrote, because your letter provides me with the opening to remind my readers that joking about someone's appearance isn't clever or funny.

It's cruel.

While the target may take those comments with apparent good humor, no one likes to be ridiculed.

And frankly, when it happens, it demeans the speaker more than the person at which it is aimed.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

THURSDAY EVENING

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(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office	The Vampire Diaries "The Night of the Comet"		Supernatural "Sympathy for the Devil"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park "TSST"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	★★ Booseyman (2005, Horror) Barry Watson.				Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club (N)		Worship interACTIVE		Ambition	Reel Movie.	All World	Rescuers	Theater	Quick Study	Newswatch	The Place for Miracles		Revelations	Worship interACTIVE		Influence	Born to Free
(58) WBGN	PunkD	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	The Outer Limits		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds "Jones"		The First 48 "Memphis"		The First 48 "Cold as Ice"		The First 48		Crime 360 "Payback"		(12:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	★★ The Addams Family (1991) Anjelica Huston.				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		Whose?	Whose?	Paid Prog	Get Ripped	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(5:30) ★★ Ghostbusters II (1989) Bill Murray.				★★★ The Perfect Storm (2000) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. Premiere.						★★★ The Perfect Storm (2000, Suspense) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg.						★★ Stargate (1994)	
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Raw Nature		Nature's Most Amazing		Nature's Most Amazing		The Blue Planet		Nature's Most Amazing		Nature's Most Amazing		The Blue Planet		Raw Nature	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Cocaine Diaries: Colombia		Natural Wonders of World		BBC World News America		Cocaine Diaries: Colombia		Natural Wonders of World		Cocaine Diaries: Colombia		Natural Wonders of World	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (Live)				★ Waist Deep (2006, Action) Tyrese Gibson.				The Game	The Game	The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		★★ The People Under the Stairs (1991) Premiere.			
BRAVO	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Watch What	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Million Dollar Listing		Salon
CMTV	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Rainford Family"				Smarter	Smarter	White-Tater		Just for Laughs-Working		CMT Music	Smarter	Smarter	White-Tater		Just for Laughs-Working		CMT Music
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Marijuana Inc.		The NEW Age of Wal-Mart		Biography on CNBC (N)		Mad Money		The NEW Age of Wal-Mart		Biography on CNBC		Foreclosure	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		CNN Presents "Latino in America: Chasing the Dream"				Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Presents "Latino in America: Chasing the Dream"				Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Blue Collar	RENO 911!	Presents	Jeff Dunham: Spark of Insanity			Jeff Dunham	South Park	Tosh.0 (N)	Jeff Dunham	Daily Show	Colbert	Tosh.0	Jeff Dunham	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Jeff Dunham
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight from Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	Raging Planet "Lightning"		Storm Chasers		Destroyed	Destroyed	Raging Planet "Lightning"		Storm Chasers		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas	Suite Life	Wizards	Montana	Mostly Ghostly (2008) Sterling Beaumon, Ali Loban.				Phineas	Montana	Wizards	So Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	K. Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	True Hollywood Story		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Little Girl Gone		When a Child Vanishes		Billionaire Crime: Murder		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Take Miami	Take Miami	Jamas	Lamas	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live	College Football Florida State at North Carolina. (Live)			H.S. Edition	Steelers	Final Score	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		Who's Number 1?		Boxing		Boxing		30 for 30 (N)		AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	NBA Fastbreak		MLS Soccer Club Deportivo Chivas USA at Chicago Fire. (Live)					Tyson's Hits	Tyson's Hits		SportsNation		NASCAR	Fast	World Series	
EWTN	God's Plan	Theology	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Eucharist	Holy Rosary	Catholicism	Theology	Light	Dana	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Eucharist	Footprints
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Ext. Cuisine		Cakes	Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Ext. Cuisine		Cakes	Cakes	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Mike Tomlin	H.S. Edition	High School Football Fox Chapel at Penn Hills. (Live)					H.S. Edition	Steelers	Final Score	Golden Age	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	Profiles	Mike Tomlin
FX	(5:30) ★★★ The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy)				★ Wild Hogs (2007) Tim Allen, John Travolta.				Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	(12:02) ★ Wild Hogs (2007) Tim Allen, John Travolta.				Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	PGA Tour Golf		Golf Central	Big Break Disney Golf	Big Break Disney Golf		PGA Tour Golf Frys.com Open — First Round.					Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide Tour — Tour Championship				Big Break Disney Golf	
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		The Note II: Taking a Chance on Love (2009)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Carter Can	House	House	First Place	First Place	House	House	House	Intervention	Property	First Place	House	House	House	Intervention	Property	First Place
HIST	Man, Moment, Machine		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Gangland		Gangland		Cities of the Underworld		(12:01) Modern Marvels		(:01) Gangland		(:01) Gangland	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Models	Project Runway		Models	Project Runway		Models	Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Parental	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Fantasy	Fantasy	Fantasy	Nitro Circus	Parkour Chall.		Fantasy	Nitro Circus	Parkour Chall.		Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus
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OXY	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped		Snapped		Snapped "Rhonda Orr"		Snapped		The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Snapped	Snapped
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SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		The Ultimate Fighter		TNA Wrestling (N)				Deadliest Warrior		MANswers	Game	UFC Countdown: Machida		★ Ticker (2001, Action)	
SYFY	(5:00) Timber Falls (2007)		★★ Saw II (2005) Donnie Wahlberg, Tobin Bell.				★★ Saw III (2006, Horror) Tobin Bell, Shawnee Smith.					★★ Saw (2004, Horror) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover, Monica Potter.					★ Minotaur (2005)	
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Earl	Name Earl	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★★ Mission: Impossible III (2006, Action) (PA) Tom Cruise.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and-City		(:10) ★★★ Mission: Impossible III (2006) Tom Cruise.			
TCM	South	★★ Viva Las Vegas (1964) (DVS)			★★★ Gold Diggers of 1933 (1933) Joan Blondell.				★★★ The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985)			★★ Annie (1982) Aileen Quinn, Albert Finney, Carol Burnett.					Gabriel Over White House	
TLC	Dress	Dress	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper (N)		Heavy Haulers (N)		American Chopper		Heavy Haulers		American Chopper		American Chopper	
TNT	Law & Order "Evil Breeds"		Bones		Bones "A Boy in a Bush"		Bones		NBA Preseason Basketball Denver Nuggets vs. Los Angeles Lakers.					★★ Romeo Must Die (2000, Action) Jet Li, Aaliyah.				
TOON	(5:00) Garfield's Fun Fest		Johnny Test	Bugs Bunny	Chowder (N)	Flapjack	Total Drama	Johnny Test	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Venture	Stroker	Awesome	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Bizarre World "Bali"		Bizarre World "Florida"		Steak Paradise		Hamburger Paradise		Deep Fried Paradise		Ext. Hawaiian Escapes		Steak Paradise		Hamburger Paradise		Deep Fried Paradise	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest... (N)		It Only Hurts	It Only Hurts	Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		It Only Hurts	It Only Hurts
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Mind Games"		NCIS "Dog Tags"		House		House "Big Baby"		House		Monk		Law Order: CI		Burn Notice		★★ Riding the Bullet	
VH1	Greatest Songs-'80s		Greatest Songs-'80s		Greatest Songs-'80s		Greatest Songs-'80s		Tool Academy		(:05) ★★★ Dead Poets Society (1989, Drama) Robin Williams. Premiere.						Celebrity Rehab	
VS.	WEC WrekCage		UFL Football California Redwoods at Florida Tuskers. (Live)							Sports Soup	Quest	World Extreme Cagefighting				Sports Soup	Sports	Sports
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		★★ Raising Helen (2004) Kate Hudson, John Corbett, Joan Cusack.				★★★ The Wedding Singer (1998) Adam Sandler.				★★ Beaches (1988, Drama) Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey.					
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		WWE Superstars		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars		Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	(4:50) ★★ Pearl Harbor (2001) Ben Affleck. 'PG-13'				★★★ Enter the Dragon (1973) 'R'				(:45) ★★ Untraceable (2008) Diane Lane. 'R'				★★ The Running Man (1987) 'R'			(:15) ★★ Prom Night (2008) 'PG-13'		Showdown
HBO	(5:30) ★★ Fred Claus (2007) 'PG'			★★ The Women (2008) Meg Ryan. 'PG-13'					Schmatta: Rags to Riches to Rags		Cathouse	Cathouse 2	(12:05) ★★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) 'R'				★★ Hamlet 2 (2008) 'R'	
MAX	(5:50) ★★ Black Knight (2001) 'PG-13'				★★★★ The Dark Knight (2008, Action) Christian Bale. 'PG-13'				★★★ Sex and the City (2008) Sarah Jessica Parker. 'R'					Sex Games	★★ Eagle Eye (2008) Shia LaBeouf. 'PG-13'			
SHOW	Sasquatch	The Cake Eaters (2007) Elizabeth Ashley.			Dexter (ITV)		★★ Bound (1996, Suspense) Jennifer Tilly. ITV. 'R'				★★ Striptease (1996) Demi Moore. ITV. 'R'				★★★ The Bank Job (2008) Jason Statham. ITV. 'R'			
STARZ	Swing Vote	Starz Stu	★★ Snow Dogs (2002) Sisqó 'PG'			(:40) ★★ Spider-Man 3 (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire. 'PG-13'					Crash		★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans 'R'			(:35) ★★★ The Birdcage (1996) 'R'		
TMC	(5:30) ★★ Say Uncle 'R'		(:05) ★★ Rat Race (2001) Rowan Atkinson. 'PG-13'				★ Halloween (2007) Malcolm McDowell. 'R'				★★ Beowulf (2007) Voices of Ray Winstone. 'PG-13'				★★ Cold & Dark (2005) Luke Goss. 'R'			Sex Files

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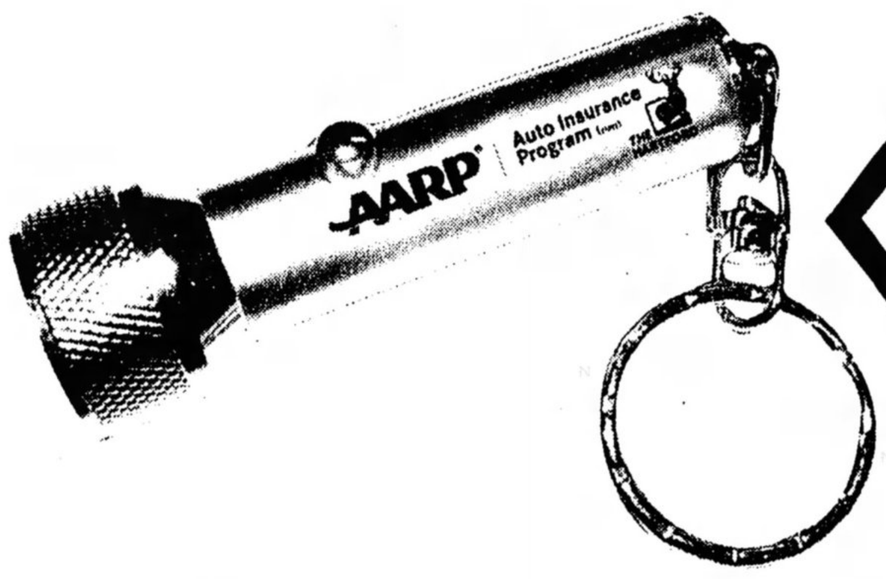

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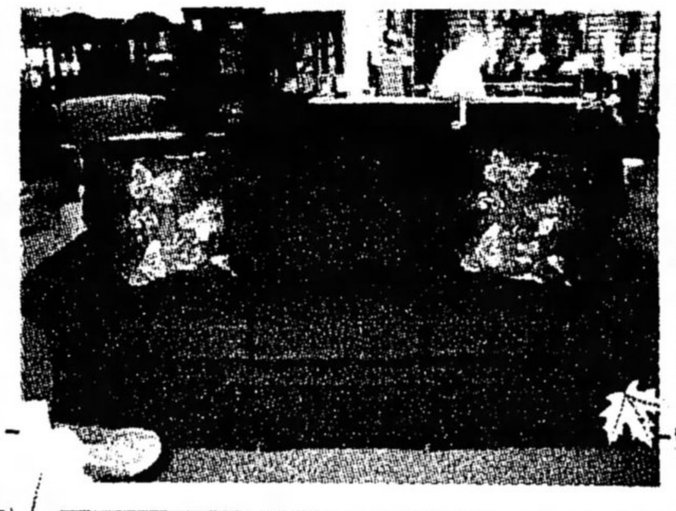

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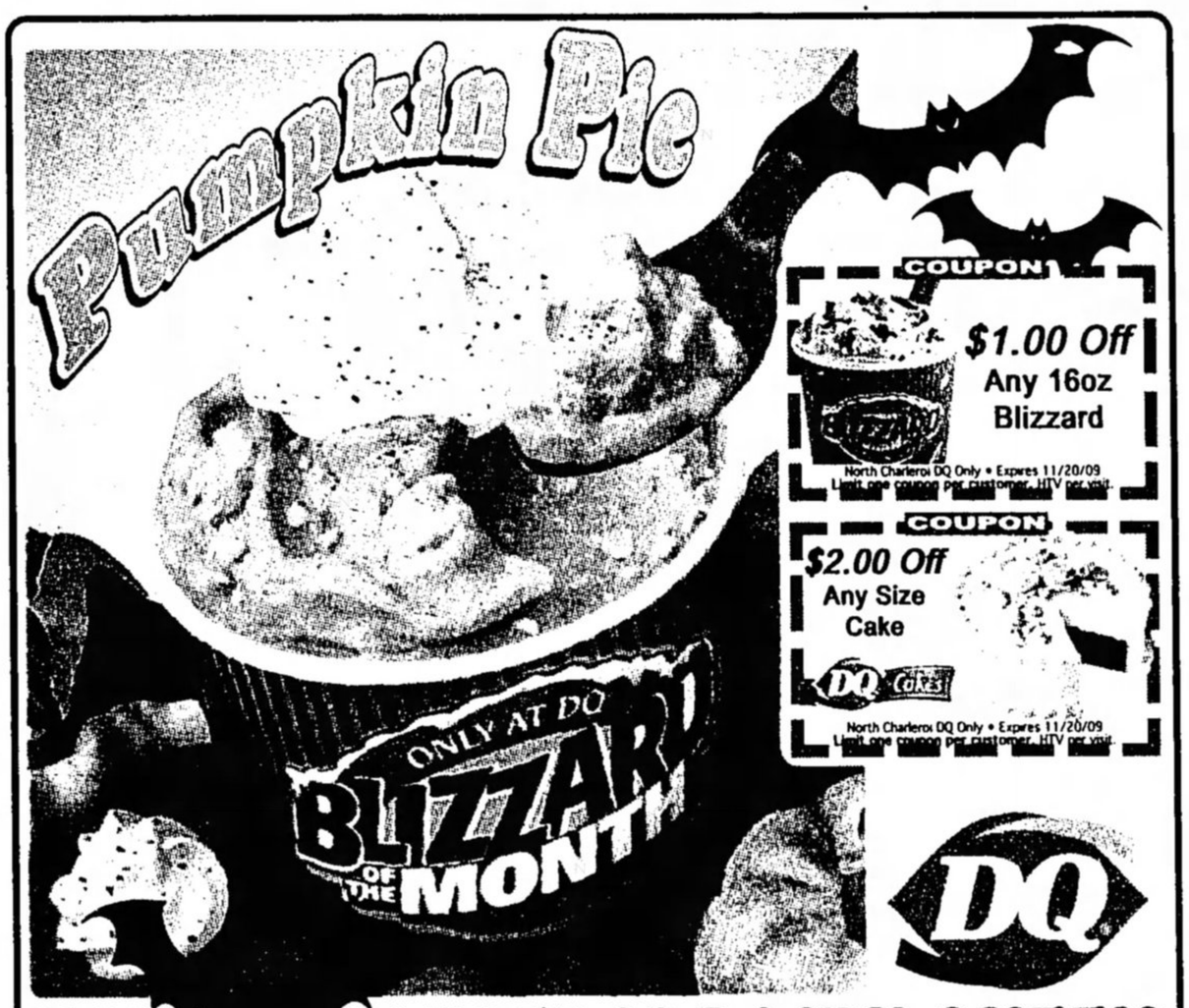

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Saturday, October 31st
9:30 pm – 2:00 am

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October 31st, 2009

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